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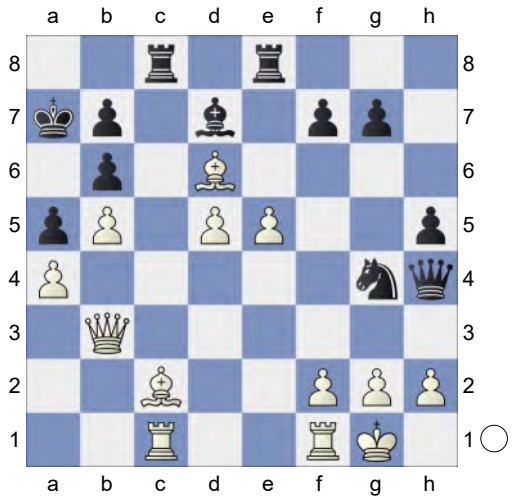
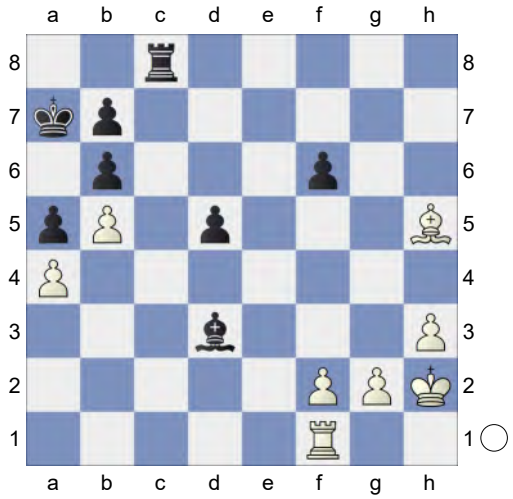
Chess Notes 2026

1 **C51**
□ **LCZero0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-61**
■ **Stoofvleesii D2** **3479**
TCEC 26 Premier 2024 (20.2) 28.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C51: Evans Gambit: Declined and Accepted without 5...Ba5 Inf 73/(362)
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bb6 5.a4 a5 6.b5 Nd4 7.Nxd4
[7.Nxe5 Qg5 8.Bxf7+ *(8.Nxf7? Qxg2-+)* 8...Kf8∓]
7...Bxd4 8.c3 White is slightly better.
8...Bb6 9.d4 exd4
[9...Qe7 10.Qg4 Nf6 11.Qxg7 Rg8 12.Qh6 Rg6 Kantsler,B (2535)-Mikhalevski,V (2545) Ramat Aviv 1998]
10.0-0 White is much more active.
10...d6N
[10...Ne7 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.cxd4 Qb4 *(13...Qd6 14.Nc3 Bxd4 15.Nd5 Bxa1 16.Qxa1 0-0 17.e5 Qc5 18.Rc1 c6 19.Ba2 Qa3 20.Nb6 d5 21.Nxa8 Kh8 22.Nb6 Be6 23.h3 Rd8 24.bxc6 bxc6 25.Rc3 Qb4 26.Rxc6 Rb8 27.Nxd5 Qxa4 28.Rc1* 1-0 Kasparov,G (2805)-Piket,J (2670) 63/275 Amsterdam 1995 *Qa3 29.Bc4* 1.1) Evans Gambit - Model Gam-G. Kasparov - J. Piket, A *)* 14.Na3 0-0 15.Qd3 d5 16.exd5 Bd7 17.Nc2 Qd6 18.Ne3 C 51/01 1997]
11.cxd4 Nf6 12.Bb3 Be6 13.Bc2 Qe7 14.Qd3 0-0-0 1.20/18
[14...d5 0.80/19]
15.d5± Bd7 16.Nd2 Rhe8 17.Ba3! Kb8 18.Qb3! Rc8 19.Nc4 Ka7 20.Rac1 h5
[20...Nxe4? 21.Rce1 f5 22.Nxb6 cxb6 23.f3+-]
21.e5 Ng4 22.Nxb6 cxb6 23.Bxd6 Qh4

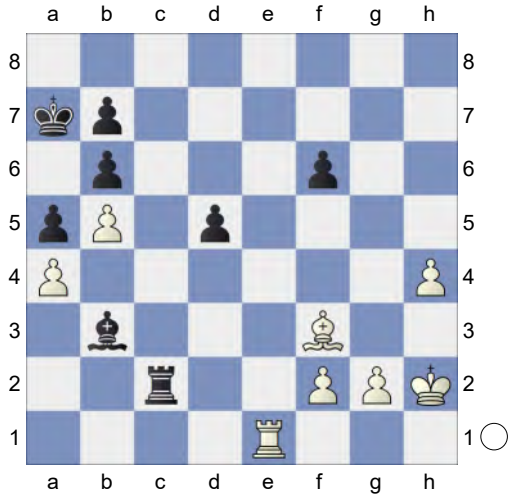


24.e6! The board is on fire. **24...fxe6 25.Qg3 Qxg3 26.Bxg3 exd5 27.Bg6 Rh8 28.h3** White has strong compensation. **28...Nf6 29.Be5 Rc5 30.Rcd1 Rc4 31.Rd4 Rxd4 32.Bxd4** A strong pair of Bishops. **32...Rc8 33.Bxf6! gxf6 34.Bxh5** Endgame KRB-KRB **34...Bf5 35.Kh2! Bd3**

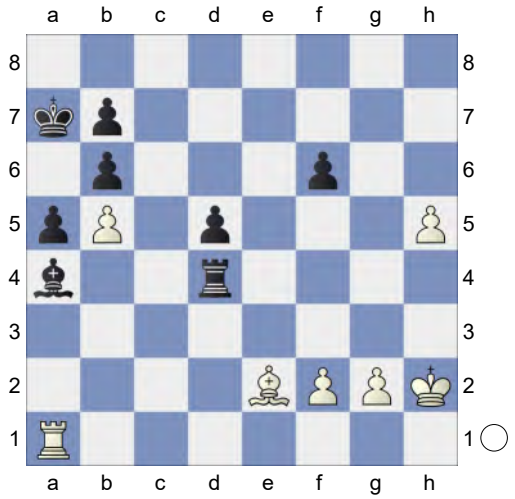


36.Re1 Rc2 1.45/21
[Better is 36...Kb8 0.85/20]
37.Bf3 Bc4 2.15/20
[37...Ra2± 1.41/20]
38.h4+- Bb3

(Diagram)



39.Ra1 Rc4 40.h5
[40.Bxd5 Rxh4+ *(40...Rxa4? 41.Rxa4 Bxa4 42.h5+-)* 41.Kg3 Rxa4 *(41...Bxd5? 42.Kxh4 Bxg2 43.Kh5+-)* 42.Rxa4 Bxa4∓]
40...Bxa4 41.Be2 A mistake that costs the game. **41...Rd4** 3.01/21
[41...Rb4± 1.02/18 might work better.]



42.Bd3! Deflection **42...Bb3 43.Bg6 Rc4 44.Kh3 Rc8**
[Reject 44...Rc3+?! 45.Kh4+-]
45.h6 Bc4 46.h7 Bxb5 47.Kg4 Rf8 4.19/18
[⌓47...Bd7+ 2.64/19 48.Bf5 Rh8]
48.Kh5 d4 49.Kh6 Be2 50.Kg7 Rd8
51.h8Q
[Resist 51.h8R Rd6 52.Bf5 d3+-]
51...Rxh8 52.Kxh8 d3 53.Kg7 f5 6.75/22
[⌓53...b5 4.03/20 54.Rxa5+ *(54.Kxf6 Kb6+-)* 54...Kb6]
54.Bxf5 b5 55.f4 Kb6 56.Be4 d2 57.Bc2 Kc5 58.f5 Bc4 59.f6 b4 60.Rd1 Kd4 61.Rxd2+ Kc3 62.Rf2 b5 63.g4 a4 64.g5 a3 65.Bb1 b3 66.g6 aiming for f7. **66...Bd3 67.f7 Bxb1 68.f8Q** Qc5+ would kill now.
[68.f8R b2 69.Ra8 b4 70.Rf3+ Bd3±]
68...a2 69.Qc5+ White mates. **69...Kd3 70.Rf3+ Ke2 71.Qe3+ Kd1 72.Rf1+ Kc2 73.Rf2+ Kd1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.36 **74.Qd2#**
1-0

2 **C50**
□ **Komododragon** **3583**
■ **Caissa** **3545**
TCEC 27 Premier 2024 (37.4) 08.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 h6 5.d4 exd4 6.c3 Bb6 7.cxd4** White has more active pieces.
[7.Nxd4 d6=]
7...d6 8.Nc3
[8.h3 Nge7 9.Nc3 Ng6 10.Be3 0-0 11.Qd2 Kh7 12.Qe2 Nce7 13.a3 c6 14.Ba2 f5 15.Ng5+ Kh8 16.exf5 Nxf5 17.Nf7+ Rxf7 18.Bxf7 Nf8 19.Rfe1 Bd7 20.Rad1 Qf6 21.Bh5 d5 22.Qf3 Ng6 1-0 Assaubayeva,B (2434)-Balajayeva,K (2376) Women's World Rapid Ch., Warsaw 2021 (4.23)]

8...Nge7N White is better.

[8...Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.g4 Bg6 11.a3 a6 12.Bf4 f6 13.Rc1 Qd7 14.e5 0-0-0 15.exd6 cxd6 16.Re1 Bf7 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.Bxd5 Re8 19.Rxe8+ Qxe8 20.Qb3 Bc7 21.Be6+ Kb8 22.Re1 Nge7 23.Bd5 0-1 Klein,T (1457)-Roth,M (1390) Rheinhessen-ch H2 op 1997 (2) Ka8 24.Qc4 Qd8 25.b4 g5 26.Bg3 h5 27.b5 Na5 28.Qa2 axb5 29.Rb1 hxg4 30.hxg4 Rh6 31.Rxb5 Qh8 32.Nd2 f5 33.Bxd6 Rxd6 34.Bg2 Rc6 35.Bxc6 Naxc6 36.Qb2 Qh2+ 37.Kf1 b6 38.Ke2 0-1 Korotylev,A (1457)-Shrewsbury School (1390) USSR - World 37/513 1984 (2)]

9.Be3 0-0 10.Qd2 Bg4 11.Rae1 Na5 12.Bd3 Nac6 13.d5 Ne5 14.Bxb6 axb6 15.Nd4 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Bd7 17.f4 Ng6 18.Re3 Qh4 19.Ref3 Qf6 20.a3 c6 1.28/19

[⌓20...Rfe8 0.91/20]

21.a4 Rfd8 22.b3 b5 23.axb5 cxb5 24.Ndxb5 Bxb5 25.Nxb5

[25.Qxb5 Rdc8 26.Qb4 *(26.Qxb7 Qd4+ 27.Kh1 Rab8∓)* 26...h5±]

25...Ra2 26.g3 Rda8 1.80/20

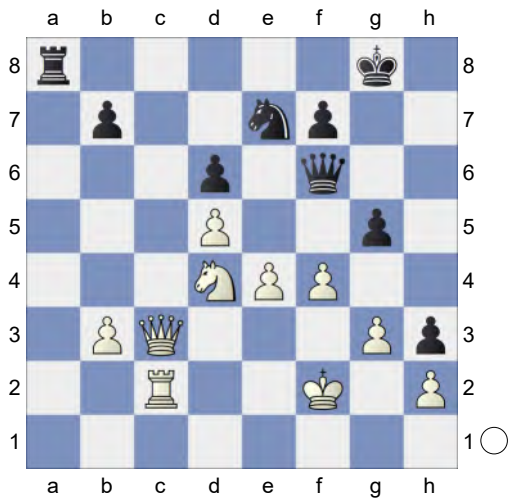
[26...Nf8± 1.37/22 27.Qc4 h5]

27.R3f2 h5 28.Nd4 h4 29.Rxa2 Rxa2 30.Qc3! h3 2.08/27

[30...Kh7± 1.42/22 is a better defense. 31.Rf2 Rxf2 32.Kxf2 hxg3+ 33.hxg3 Ne5]

31.Rf2+- Ra8 32.Rc2! Ne7 Prevents Nf5 **33.Kf2 g5**

(Diagram)



34.Nc6! Discovered Attack **34...Qxc3 35.Nxe7+ Kf8 36.Rxc3 Kxe7** Endgame KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **37.Kf3!**

[37.fxg5 Ra2+ 38.Kf3 Rxh2±]

[37.Rc7+ Kf6±]

37...Ra2 38.Kg4

[38.fxg5 Kd7=]

38...gxf4 3.94/31

[38...Rxh2 2.19/28 39.Rc7+ *(39.Kxg5 Rg2=; 39.fxg5 Re2±)* 39...Kf8]

39.gxf4

[39.Kxh3 fxg3 40.Kxg3 f5±]

39...Re2 40.Kf5

[Weaker is 40.Rxh3 Rxe4 41.Kg5 Rd4±]

40...Rxh2 41.Rc7+ Ke8 42.Rxb7 Re2 43.Rb8+ Ke7 44.b4 2.49/28

[⌓44.Ra8 4.59/28 Rb2 45.Ra7+ Kf8 46.Kf6]

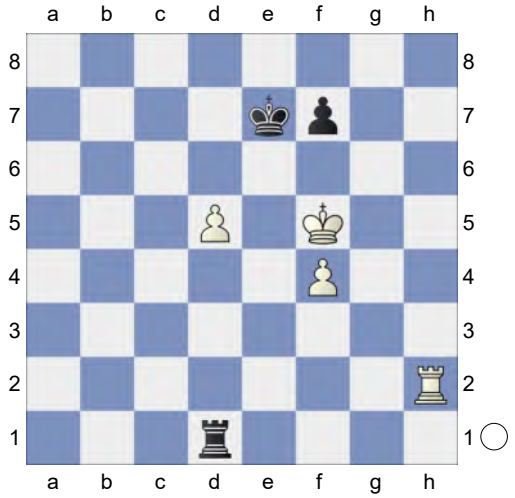
44...h2 45.Rh8 Kd7 46.Rh5 Ke7 47.b5 Kd8 48.Kg5! Rf2? 5.68/28

[48...Rxe4 2.44/27 is a better chance. 49.Rxh2 Rb4]

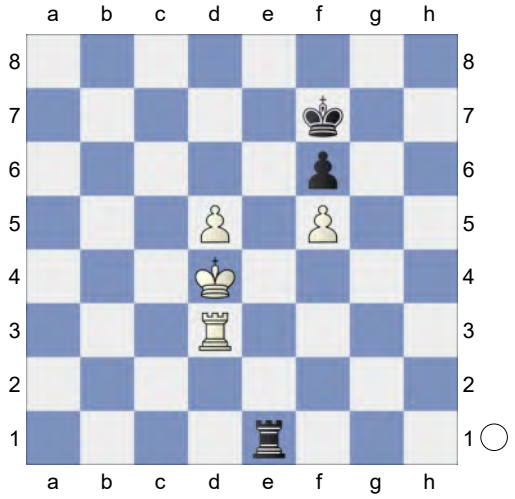
49.b6 Ke7 50.Kf5 Rb2 51.Rh4 Rxb6 52.Rxh2 Rb1 53.e5! dxe5 54.Kxe5

[54.fxe5 Rf1+ 55.Ke4 Re1+ 56.Kf4 Rd1±]

54...Re1+ 55.Kf5 Rd1



56.Re2+! Kf8 57.Ke5 Ke7 58.Rb2 f6+ 59.Ke4 Kf7 60.Rb7+ Kg6 61.f5+ Kh6 62.Rb3 Kg7 63.Rd3 Re1+ 64.Kd4 Kf7



65.Re3! Rd1+ 66.Kc5 Rc1+ 67.Kd6 Hoping for Re7+. **67...Rc2 68.Kd7** 6.63/27

[⌓68.Re7+ 16.07/28 Kf8 69.Rc7]

68...Ra2 69.d6 Rf2 70.Kc7 Rc2+ 71.Kd8 Rc5 72.Rf3 Re5 73.d7 White threatens Kc7 and mate. **73...Rc5 74.Re3 Rc2 75.Rh3 Rc1 76.Rh8 Rc3 77.Rh4 Kf8 78.Rh1 Rc2 79.Rh3 Rc4 80.Rd3 Rc2 81.Rb3 Rc1 82.Rf3 Rd1 83.Rc3 Kg7 84.Kc7 Kh6 85.Rg3 Rc1+ 86.Kd6 Ra1 87.d8Q** 11.10/5

[⌓87.Rg6+ #12/26 Kh5 88.d8Q *(88.d8R Rd1+ 89.Ke7* Discovered Attack *Rxd8 90.Kxd8 Kh4 91.Ke7 Kh3 92.Kxf6 Kh2)* 88...Rd1+ 89.Ke7 Discovered Attack Rxd8 90.Kxd8 Kh4 91.Kd7 *(91.Rxf6 Kg5 92.Rf8 Kg4 93.f6 Kg5 94.f7 Kg6 95.Ke7 Kg5)* 91...Kh3 92.Ke7 *(92.Rxf6 Kg4 93.Ke6 Kg3 94.Rg6+ Kf4 95.f6 Ke4 96.f7 Ke3)*]

87...Rd1+ 88.Kc7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.28 (precise) **88...Rxd8**

1-0

3 **C50**

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[Kitty Kat,TA]

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[7.Nxd4?! d6±]

7...d6 8.h3 Nge7 White is better. **9.Nc3 0-0N**

[9...Ng6 10.Be3 0-0 11.Qd2 Kh7 12.Qe2 Nce7 13.a3 c6 14.Ba2 f5 15.Ng5+ Kh8 16.exf5 Nxf5 17.Nf7+ Rxf7 18.Bxf7 Nf8 19.Rfe1 Bd7 20.Rad1 Qf6 21.Bh5 d5 22.Qf3 Ng6 23.Bxg6 Qxg6 24.Ne2 1-0 Assaad,A (1964)-Bou Mjahid,N Beirut op 11th 2022 (1) Bc7 25.Bf4 Bd8 26.Ng3 Bh4 27.Qh5 Qxh5 28.Nxh5 Rf8 29.Ng3 Bf6 30.Nxf5 Bxf5 31.Bd6 Rf7 32.Re8+ Kh7 33.Rf8 Rd7 34.Be5 Kg6 35.Bxf6 gxf6 36.Re1 Be4 37.f3 Bd3 38.g4 b6 39.Re6 1-0 Assaubayeva,B (2434)-Balajayeva, K (2376) Women's World Rapid Ch.,

Warsaw 2021 (4.23) c5 40.Rfxf6+ Kg7 41.Rd6 Re7 42.Rfe6 Rf7 43.Re3 Bc4 44.dxc5 bxc5 45.b3 d4 46.Re5 Rxf3 47.bxc4 d3 48.Rxc5 1-0 12.Nf4 (1964)-Koyuncu,O London 1975 (1)]

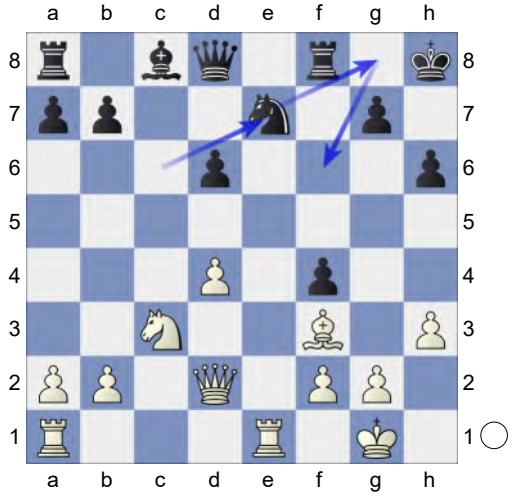
10.Re1 Na5 11.Bd3 Nac6 12.Bc2 f5 13.Bb3+! Kh8 14.e5 f4 15.exd6 cxd6 16.Na4 Ba5 17.Bd2 Bxd2 18.Qxd2 Nf5 19.Nc3

[19.Qxf4 Nfxd4 20.Qg3 *(20.Bf7? Nxf3+* Deflection *21.Qxf3 Ne5-+)* 20...Nxf3+ 21.gxf3 Nd4∓]

19...Nh4 20.Bd5 0.67/20

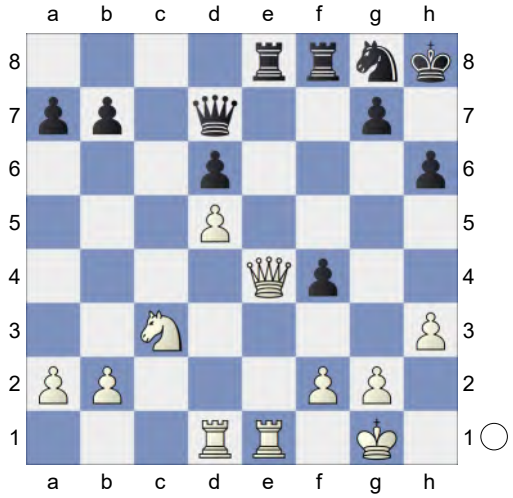
[20.Nxh4± 1.10/20 Qxh4 21.Re4]

20...Nxf3+± 21.Bxf3 Ne7!



22.Qd3! Dodges Ng6. White has more active pieces. **22...Bf5 23.Be4 Qd7 24.d5** Ne2 is the strong threat. **24...Rae8 25.Rad1 Bxe4 26.Qxe4 Ng8**

(Diagram)



27.Qf3 Nf6 28.Re6 0.48/19

[28.a3± 0.87/20]

28...Rxe6 29.dxe6 Qxe6 30.Qxf4 Rd8 31.Rd4 d5 32.Qd2 a6 33.g4 Re8 34.f3 Qe5 35.Kg2 Repels Qg3+ **35...g5 36.Qf2**

[36.Nxd5? Rd8 37.f4 gxf4 38.Qxf4 Qxf4 *(38...Nxd5? 39.Qxe5+ Kh7 40.Rxd5+-; 38...Rxd5? 39.Qxh6+ Kg8 40.Rd2-+)* 39.Rxf4 Nxd5-+ *(39...Rxd5 40.Rxf6 Rd2+ 41.Kg3±)*]

[36.f4 simplifies gxf4 37.Qxf4 Qxf4 38.Rxf4 Kg7 39.Kf3]

36...Kg7 37.Rd2 Qe1 38.Qd4

[38.Nxd5? perishes. Qxf2+ 39.Kxf2 Rd8-+]

38...h5 39.Rd1

[39.Nxd5 Re2+ 40.Rxe2 Qxe2+ 41.Kg1 Qxf3 42.Qxf6+ Qxf6 43.Nxf6 Kxf6 44.gxh5 Kg7=]

39...Qe5 40.Qxe5

[Of course not 40.Nxd5 hxg4 41.hxg4 Qxd4 42.Rxd4 Re2+ *(42...Rd8 43.Ne7±)* 43.Kg3 Rxb2=]

40...Rxe5 41.Kf2 hxg4 42.hxg4 Kf7 43.Rh1 Nd7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless) **44.Rh7+**

½-½

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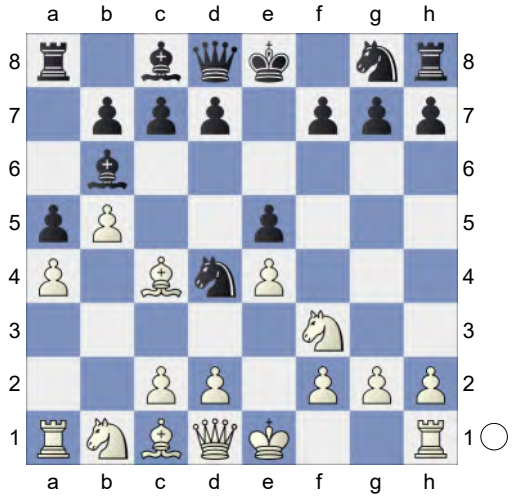
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bb6 5.a4 a5 0.70/20
[5...a6!= 0.20/21]
6.b5± Nd4



7.Nxd4!
[7.Nxe5 Qg5 8.Bxf7+ *(8.Nxf7? Qxg2-+)* 8...Kf8∓]
7...Bxd4 8.c3 White is better. **8...Bb6 9.d4 exd4** 1.02/21
[9...Qe7± 0.64/20 is more appropriate. 10.Qg4 Nf6 11.Qxg7 Rg8 12.Qh6 Rg6 Kantsler,B (2535)-Mikhalevski,V (2545) Ramat Aviv 1998]
10.0-0± White is much more active.
[10.cxd4 d5 11.exd5 *(11.Bxd5 Ne7±)* 11...Ne7±]
10...d6
[10...Ne7 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.cxd4 Qd6 14.Nc3 Bxd4 15.Nd5 Bxa1 16.Qxa1 0-0 17.e5 Qc5 18.Rc1 c6 19.Ba2 Qa3 20.Nb6 d5 21.Nxa8 Kh8 22.Nb6 Be6 23.h3 Rd8 24.bxc6 bxc6 25.Rc3 1-0 10. ♔b1 b5 11.c5_13795_15163 (2805)-Rakhmatullin,K (2670) EU/M/GT/312 corr ICCF 1989]
11.cxd4 Nf6N
[11...Ne7 12.Bb2 0-0 13.Nc3 Kh8 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Rb8 16.Ra3 Be6 17.Qh5 Bxd5 18.Qxd5 Qe8 19.Rg3 f6 20.Qf5 Qf7 21.Rh3 h6 22.d5 Rbe8 23.Kh1 Qg8 24.f3 Qh7 25.Qh5 Re7 26.Rg3 1-0 Anderssen, A (2600)-Steinitz,W (2590) Int. 1866 Be3 27.Rg6 b6 28.Re1 Bf4 29.g3 Be5 30.Bc1 Bc3 31.Re3 Re5 32.Qg4 h5 33.Qd7 Bd4 34.Rd3 Bc5 0-1 2.c4 e5-Shevchenko,M Match Nimzowitsch-Stoltz +2-1=3 1934 (2)]
12.Bb3 0-0 13.Bc2 c5 14.d5 Bg4 15.f3 c4+ 16.Kh1 Bh5 17.Ba3 Bg6 18.Qd2 Qc7 19.Nc3 Rae8 20.Rac1 Nd7 21.g4 Ne5 22.h3 f6 23.f4 Nd7 24.Qg2 Bc5! 25.Bxc5 Nxc5 26.Qf3 Qe7 27.Kg2 Rc8
[27...Nxe4? 28.Rfe1+- *(28.Nxe4 Bxe4 29.Bxe4 Qxe4∓)*]
[27...Bxe4? 28.Nxe4 Nxe4 29.Rce1+-]
28.Rce1 h6 29.Qd1 Nd3 30.Re3 Rc5 31.Qd2 b6 32.Rff3 Rfc8 33.h4 Bf7 34.Kg1 R5c7 35.Rf1 Re8 36.Qh2 h5! 37.Bd1 hxg4 1.10/23
[37...Kh8!= 0.26/22]
38.Bxg4 g6! 39.Rg3 And now f5 would win. **39...Kh8**

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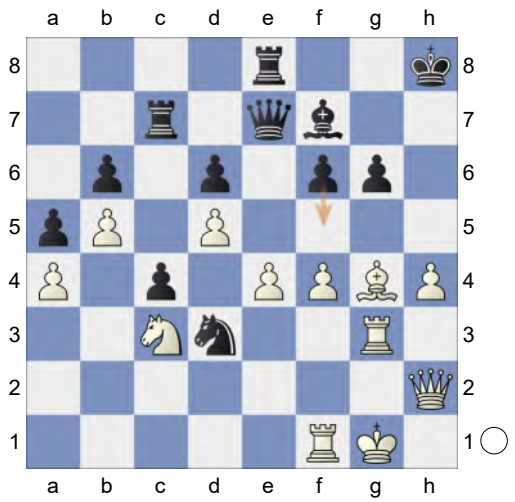
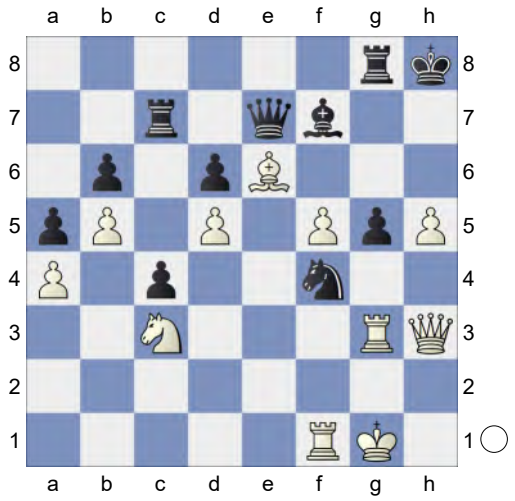


40.Be6 0.01/22 **Rg8!=** The position is equal. **41.Qh3** Kh2 poses a challenge **41...f5 42.h5 g5**

[42...gxh5 looks sharper. 43.Rxg8+ Kxg8 44.exf5 Qf6]

43.exf5 Nxf4



44.Rxf4 gxf4

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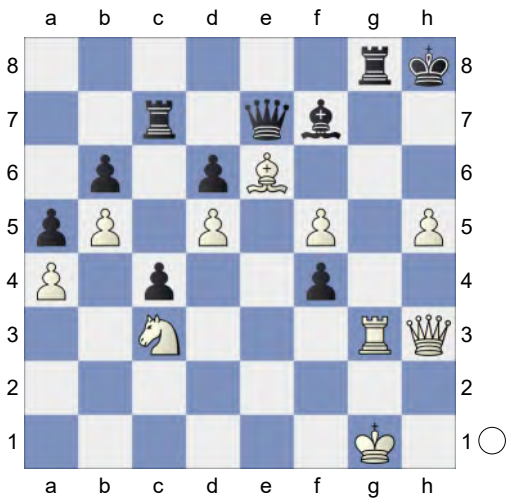


Pin **45.Rg6 Bxe6**

[Don't go for 45...Qf6? 46.Kf1 Qd4 47.f6+-]

[45...Bxg6 46.hxg6+]

46.dxe6 Qf6 Strongly threatening ... Rh7. **47.Kf1 Rxg6 48.hxg6+ Kg8 49.Nd5! Qa1+ 50.Kg2** The board is on fire. **50...Qe5 51.Nxc7** Qh7+ would kill now.

[51.Qf3!? Rc5□ 52.Nxf4 *(52.e7 Rxd5 53.e8Q+ Qxe8=)* 52...Qxf5 53.Qa8+ Kg7 54.Qb7+ Kh6 55.Kf3=]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

51...Qe2+

½-½

5 **C52**

□ **TheUnrestrictedGod** **3368**

■ **DaBestFARMER** **2659**

Blitz 04.09.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 openings101.org **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 exd4N** 0.31/18

[9...Na5= -0.07/20 10.Qc2

A) 10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.exd6 Qxd6 13.e5 Qc6 14.Bd3 Ng6 15.c4 Bc5 16.Bb2 Be6 17.Bc3 Qa6 18.Nb3 Nxb3 19.axb3 Qb6 20.Ba5 Qc6 21.Be4 Qd7 22.Bxb7 Rab8 23.Rfd1 Qe7 24.Be4 Bg4 25.Re1 ½-½ Goldenberg,R (2268)-Poliannikov,D (2285) New York Fall IM-D 2022 (5) Bxf3 26.Bxf3 Nxe5 27.Bd5 Qd6 28.Qf5 Ng6 29.Rab1 Ne7 30.Qf3 Nxd5 31.Qxd5 Qxd5 32.cxd5 Rbd8 33.Bxc7 Rxd5 34.b4 Bb6 ½-½ Guarin Fonseca,N (2268)-Rheinheimer,H (2285) Evpatoria 104/274 2008 (5);

B) 10...f6 11.a4 *(11.Re1 Ne7 12.a4 Ng6 13.Ba2 Nf4 14.g3 Qg4 15.Kh1 Nh3 16.Re2 h5 17.Qd3 h4 18.Nf1 hxg3 19.fxg3 Bd7 20.Bd5 0-0-0 21.Bb2 c6 22.Ba2 f5 23.N3d2 f4* Chapter-Evans Gambit*)* 11...Ne7 12.Ba2 Qc6 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Ba3 Be6 15.Bb4 Bxa2 16.Qxa2 Ng6 17.g3 Nf8 18.Bxa5 Bxa5 19.Nc4 Bb6 20.Rad1 Nd7 21.Rd5 0-0-0 0-1 Short,N (2706)-Filippov,A (2595) Kolkata op 4th 2009 (7);

C) 10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3);

D) 10...Nxc4 11.Nxc4 Qc6 12.Nxb6 axb6]

10.cxd4± **Na5** White is slightly better.

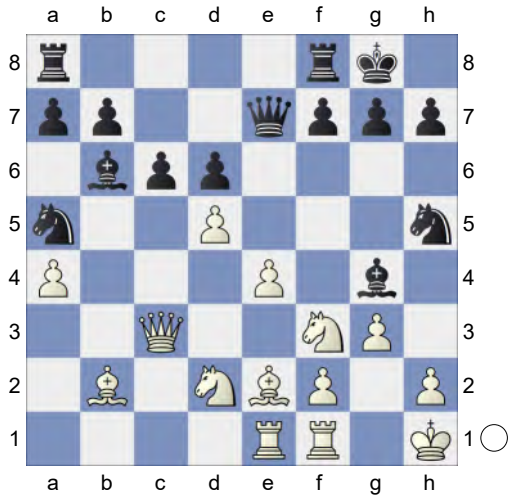
11.Qc3 White has compensation.

11...Ne7 12.a4 Ng6 13.Bb2 Nf4 14.Kh1! 0-0 15.g3 Nh5

[15...Nxc4? 16.Nxc4 Nh3 17.a5 Bxa5 *(17...f5? 18.e5±)* 18.Rxa5+- *(18.Qxa5 f5±; 18.Nxa5 d5±)*]

16.Be2 Qe7 17.d5 c6 18.Rae1! Bg4 1.42/20

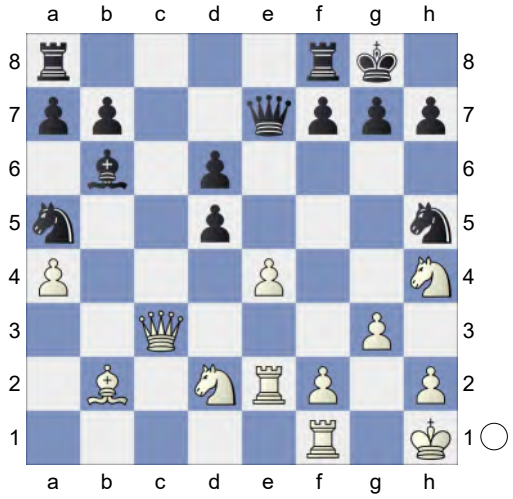
[Better is 18...Nf6± 0.46/20]



19.Nh4!± Bxe2 20.Rxe2

[Don't play 20.Nf5 Qe5 21.Rxe2 cxd5±]

20...cxd5

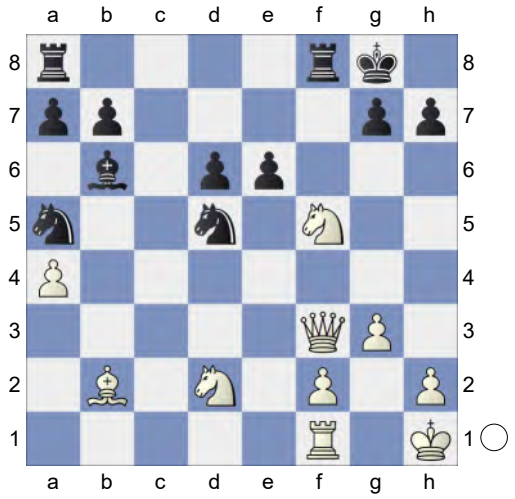


21.Qf3 Black must now prevent exd5!. A mistake that costs the game. **21...Nf6** 4.90/19

[21...Qg5± 0.85/17 is a better

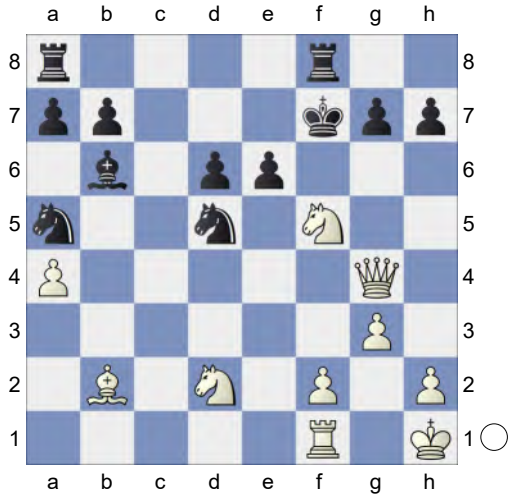
chance.]

22.Nf5+- Qe6 23.exd5 Nxd5 24.Rxe6 fxe6



25.Qg4! Kf7

[25...Rf7 26.Nh6+]



26.Re1! Bd4

[26...Ke8 27.Qxg7]

27.Bxd4 White mates. **27...g6 28.Nxd6+ Kg8 29.Qxe6+ Rf7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=1.00 **30.Qxf7#**

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6 **C51**

□ **TheUnrestrictedGod** **3357**

■ **DaBestFARMER** **2670**

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[Kitty Kat]

C51: Evans Gambit: Declined and Accepted without 5...Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Be7 6.d4 Na5 7.Bd3 d6 8.dxe5 a6N** 0.52/17

[8...dxe5= 0.15/19 9.Nxe5 Nf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qc2 c5 *(11...Qd6 12.Nf3 Rd8 13.Be2 Qc6 14.e5 Qe4 15.Qxe4 Nxe4* 2) Evans Gambit-Evans Gambit 4.b4 − 6.d4 Na *)* 12.Nd2 Qc7 13.Nec4 *(13.f4 b6 14.c4 Nh5 15.g3 f6 16.Nef3 Nc6* 18) Italian Opening: Evans Ga-6.d4 Na5 7.Bd3 Gambit Buster: 1.e4 e5 2024*)* 13...Nxc4 14.Bxc4 Bd6 15.h3 Re8 16.Bb2 Bh2+ 17.Kh1 Bf4 18.Rae1 Bxh3 19.gxh3 Qd7 20.Qd3 Qxd3 21.Bxd3 Bxd2 22.Re2 Bf4 23.Rfe1 Be5 24.c4 Rad8 0-1 Kryvoruchko,Y (2707)-Karjakin,S (2771) FIDE World Rapid 2014 (12.7)]

9.0-0⩲ Nc6 White is slightly better.

10.exd6 Bxd6 1.45/18

[10...cxd6⩲ 0.70/18 11.Bf4 Qc7]

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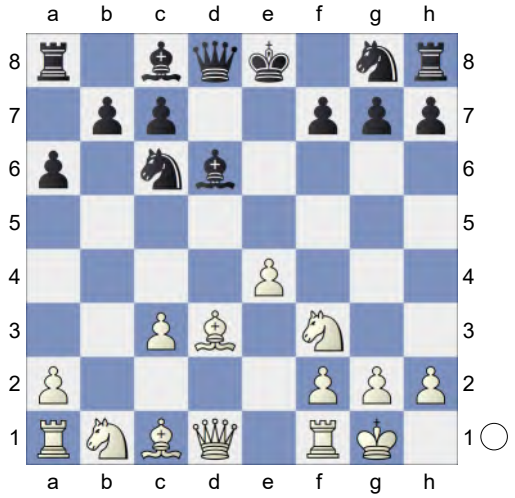
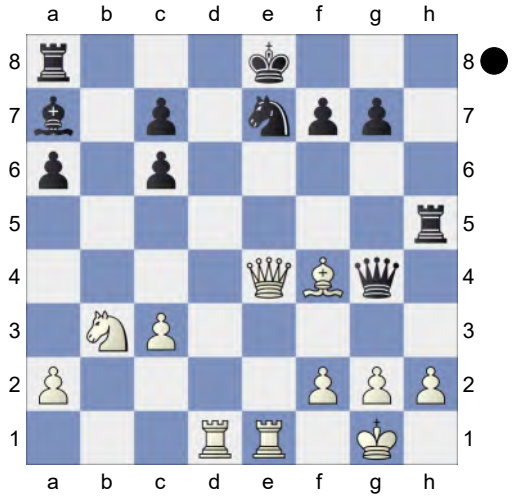


11.e5!± Bc5 12.Qc2 Be6 13.Nbd2
[Much worse is 13.Bxh7?! Nxe5 14.Nbd2 *(14.Nxe5 Qh4=)* 14...Qd6=]
13...Nge7 14.Bxh7 Bg4 1.98/18
[14...Bb6± 1.51/18]
15.Be4 Rh5 16.Nb3 Ba7 17.Bf4 Bf5 18.Ng5 Qd7 3.64/19
[⌓18...Bxe4 2.38/19 19.Qxe4 Qd5]
19.e6+- Bxe6 20.Rad1 Qc8 21.Nxe6 Qxe6 22.Rfe1
[22.Bxc7 Kf8 23.Rfe1 Qf6+-]
22...Qg4 23.Bxc6+
[23.Bxc7 Rh6 24.Bxc6+ Rxc6+-]
23...bxc6 24.Qe4
[But not 24.Bxc7 Rf5 25.Rd2 Kf8]



24...Qxg2+ 13.98/18
[⌓24...Qe6 4.48/17 25.Qf3 *(25.Bxc7 Qxe4 26.Rxe4 Rd5+-)* 25...Qg6]
25.Kxg2 Rxh2+ 26.Kxh2 White mates.
26...Be3 27.Rxe3 Kf8 28.Qxe7+ Kg8 29.Rh3 g6 30.Qf6 Ra7 White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) / Black=0.58 **31.Qh8#**
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7 **C52**
□ **TheUnrestrictedGod** **3334**
■ **DaBestFARMER** **2691**
Blitz 04.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 openings101.org **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Nf6N** 0.37/18
[9...Na5∓ -0.38/19 10.Qc2
A) 10...f6 11.a4 *(11.Re1 Ne7 12.a4 Ng6 13.Ba2 Nf4 14.g3 Qg4 15.Kh1 Nh3 16.Re2 h5 17.Qd3 h4 18.Nf1 hxg3 19.fxg3 Bd7 20.Bd5 0-0-0 21.Bb2 c6 22.Ba2 f5 23.N3d2 f4* Chapter-Evans Gambit*)* 11...Ne7 12.Ba2 Qc6 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Ba3 Be6 15.Bb4 Bxa2 16.Qxa2 Ng6 17.g3 Nf8 18.Bxa5 Bxa5 19.Nc4 Bb6 20.Rad1 Nd7 21.Rd5 0-0-0 0-1 Short,N (2706)-Filippov,A (2595) Kolkata op 4th 2009 (7);
B) 10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7

24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3);

C) 10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.exd6 Qxd6 13.e5 Qc6 14.Bd3 Ng6 15.c4 Bc5 16.Bb2 Be6 17.Bc3 Qa6 18.Nb3 Nxb3 19.axb3 Qb6 20.Ba5 Qc6 21.Be4 Qd7 22.Bxb7 Rab8 23.Rfd1 Qe7 24.Be4 Bg4 25.Re1 Bxf3 ½-½ Goldenberg,R (2268)-Poliannikov,D (2285) New York Fall IM-D 2022 (5) 26.Bxf3 Nxe5 27.Bd5 Qd6 28.Qf5 Ng6 29.Rab1 Ne7 30.Qf3 Nxd5 31.Qxd5 Qxd5 32.cxd5 Rbd8 33.Bxc7 Rxd5 34.b4 Bb6 ½-½ Guarin Fonseca,N (2268)-Rheinheimer,H (2285) Evpatoria 104/274 2008 (5)]

10.dxe5± Ng4 0.81/20

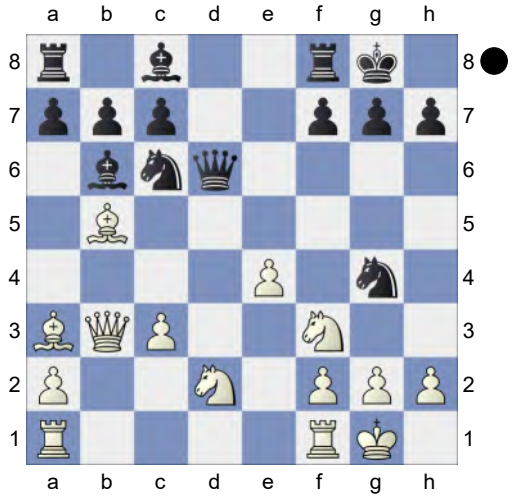
[10...Nxe5? 11.Nxe5 dxe5 12.Ba3+-]

[10...dxe5± 0.32/20 deserves consideration. 11.Ba3 Na5]

11.exd6± 0-0 12.Bb5 0.40/22

[12.Ba3± 0.85/20]

12...Qxd6 and ...Nxf2 would now be decisive **13.Ba3**



Skewer This move loses the game for Black. **13...Qh6** 2.21/21 **14.Bxf8+-** and Bxc6 should not be overlooked **14...Nce5** 3.40/16

[14...Be6 2.20/17 was worth a try. 15.Bc4 *(15.Bxg7 Bxf2+ 16.Rxf2 Qe3±* Pin *)* 15...Rxf8]

15.Be7 Be6 16.Qb2

[16.Bg5 Qh5 17.Qb1 Nxf2+-]

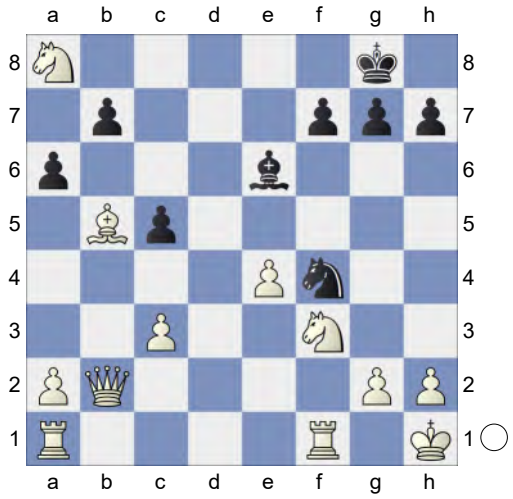
16...Qf4 17.Bg5

[Don't play 17.Bh4 Nxh2 18.Nxh2 Qxh4+-]

17...Nxf2 18.Bxf4 Nh3+ 9.44/5

[⌓18...Nxf3+ 4.59/17 19.Nxf3 Nd3+ 20.Qf2 Bxf2+ 21.Rxf2 Nxf4]

19.Kh1 Nc4 20.Nxc4 a6 21.Nxb6 Nxf4 22.Nxa8 c5



23.Bxa6! c4

[23...h6 24.Qxb7]

24.Qxb7 Threatening mate with Qb8+. **24...Ng6 25.Ng5** White mates. **25...h6 26.Rxf7 Ne7 27.Qxe7 g6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) / Black=1.49 **28.Qf8#**

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8 **C52**
□ **TheUnrestrictedGod** **3312**
■ **DaBestFARMER** **2738**
Rapid 04.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 Illingworth, Max: 'If Kramnik's 9.a3 novelty puts you off 3...Nf6 and 3...e5 also doesn't appeal to you, I'll recommend the following exchange sacrifice as a dangerous, dynamic weapon. It still hasn't been seen in a lot of games and strong players are still being caught out.' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Ne7** The position is equal.

[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]

11.dxe5 0-0 12.exd6

[12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 b6 26.Nc4 Rc7 0-1 Adhiban,B (2630)-Nakamura,H (2776) 123/125 Gibraltar 2015]

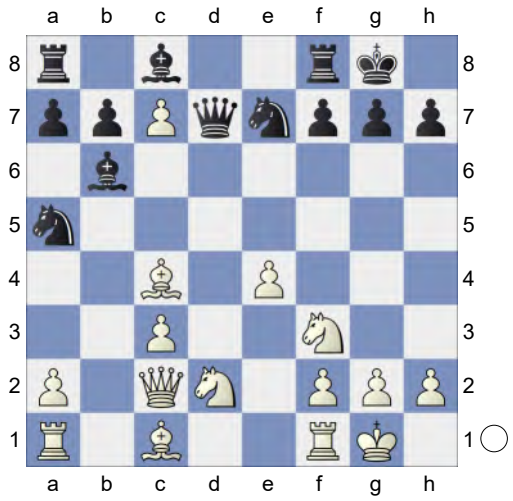
12...Nec6N 0.97/18

[12...cxd6= -0.08/17 keeps the balance. 13.Rd1 Ng6]

[12...Qxd6 13.e5 Qc6 14.Bd3 Ng6 15.c4 Bc5 16.Bb2 Be6 17.Bc3 Qa6 18.Nb3 Nxb3 19.axb3 Qb6 20.Ba5 Qc6 21.Be4 Qd7 22.Bxb7 Rab8 23.Rfd1 Qe7 24.Be4 Bg4 25.Re1 Bxf3 26.Bxf3 Nxe5 27.Bd5 ½-½ Guarin Fonseca,N (2268)-Rheinheimer,H (2285) Evpatoria 104/274 2008 (5) Qd6 28.Qf5 Ng6 29.Rab1 Ne7 30.Qf3 Nxd5 31.Qxd5 Qxd5 32.cxd5 Rbd8 33.Bxc7 Rxd5 34.b4 Bb6 ½-½ Goldenberg,R (2268)-Poliannikov,D (2285) New York Fall IM-D 2022 (5)]

13.dxc7± Ne7 1.53/16

[⚆13...Nxc4 0.89/21 14.Nxc4 Qxc7]



Inhibits Bd5. **14.Bd3! h6 15.e5 Bxc7 16.Rd1 Ng6 17.Ba3 Rd8** 2.33/20

[⚆17...Re8 1.79/19 18.Ne4 *(18.Bxg6 fxg6 19.Qxg6 Re6±)* 18...Qc6]

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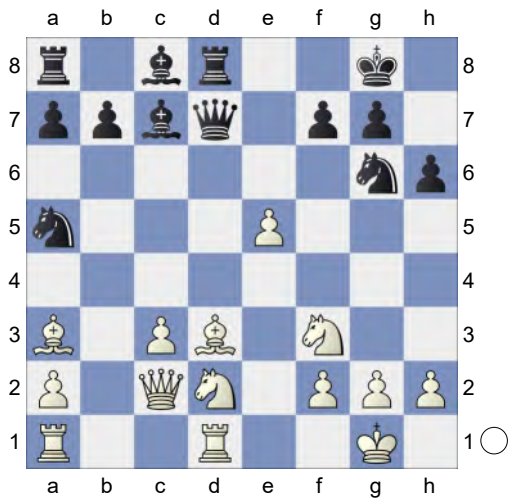
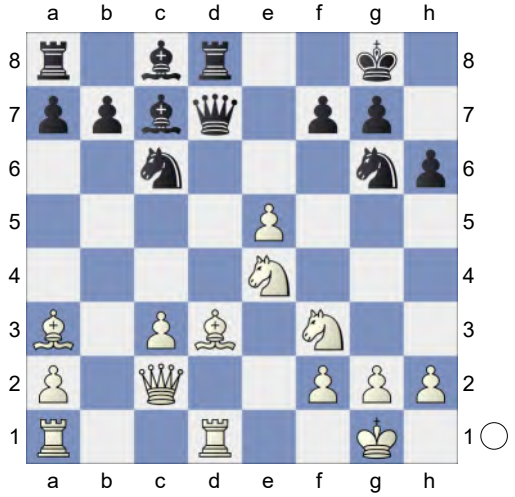


18.Ne4!+- and Nf6+! should not be overlooked

[Don't play 18.Bxg6?! fxg6 19.Ne4 *(19.Qxg6 Qg4±)* 19...Qf5 20.Rxd8+ Bxd8]

18...Nc6 2.32/20

[⚠18...Qe6 1.79/19]



19.Neg5! Discovered Attack **19...Qe8**

[19...hxg5 20.Bxg6]

20.Bxg6

[Stronger than 20.Nxf7 Rxd3 21.Nxh6+ gxh6=]

20...fxg6 3.10/21

[⚠20...hxg5 1.92/18 21.Bh7+ Kh8]

21.Qb3+ Qe6? 9.88/20

[21...Kh8 3.10/22 22.Nf7+ Kh7 23.Nxd8 Bxd8]

22.Nxe6 Excellent horsemanship. **22...Na5 23.Nxc7+ Kh7 24.Rxd8 g5 25.Qf7** White mates. **25...b6 26.Nxg5+ hxg5** Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.94 **27.Qh5#**

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9 **C52**

□ **TheUnrestrictedGod** **3308**

■ **DaBestFARMER** **2715**

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[Kitty Kat]

C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 h6N 0.68/19

[8...Bb6!∓ -0.42/18

A) 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 f6 *(10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6* 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)*; 10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.exd6 Qxd6 13.e5 Qc6 14.Bd3 Ng6 15.c4 Bc5 16.Bb2 Be6 17.Bc3 Qa6 18.Nb3 Nxb3 19.axb3 Qb6 20.Ba5 Qc6 21.Be4 Qd7 22.Bxb7 Rab8 23.Rfd1 Qe7 24.Be4 Bg4 25.Re1* ½-½ Guarin Fonseca,N (2268)-Rheinheimer,H (2285) Evpatoria 104/274 2008 (5)*)* 11.a4 Ne7 12.Ba2 Qc6 13.dxe5 dxe5

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B) 9.Bb5 a6 10.Ba4 Ba7 11.Qb2 b5 12.Bc2 Rb8 *(12...Nge7 13.a4 0-0 14.axb5 axb5 15.d5 Nb8 16.Be3 c6 17.dxc6 Nexc6 18.Rd1 Ba6 19.Bxa7 Rxa7 20.Nbd2 Qc7 21.Bd3 b4 22.Bxa6 bxc3 23.Qxc3 Rxa6 24.Rxa6 Nxa6 25.Nc4 Rd8 26.h4 h6 27.h5 ½-½* Demchenko, S (2169)-Walterova,E (2063) Wch U20 Girls 39th 2023 (9)*)* 13.Be3 Qe7 14.a4 b4 15.a5 bxc3 16.Qxc3 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 exd4 18.Nxd4 Bxd4 19.Qxd4 Nf6 20.Nc3 0-0 Italian Evans Gambit-Italian – Evans Gambit 4.b4]

9.a4± White is much more active. **9...a6** 1.71/17

[9...Nf6± 0.73/18 was necessary.]

10.dxe5+- Qe7 2.54/19

[⊼10...Bb6 1.71/19]

11.exd6 cxd6 12.Ba3 g5 3.75/19

[⊼12...Bc7 2.50/19 13.Nbd2 Qd7]

13.e5 Bd7? 5.95/16

[13...Nxe5 3.67/18 14.Nbd2 *(14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Nd2 Qxc3+-)* 14...Nxf3+ 15.Nxf3 Kf8]

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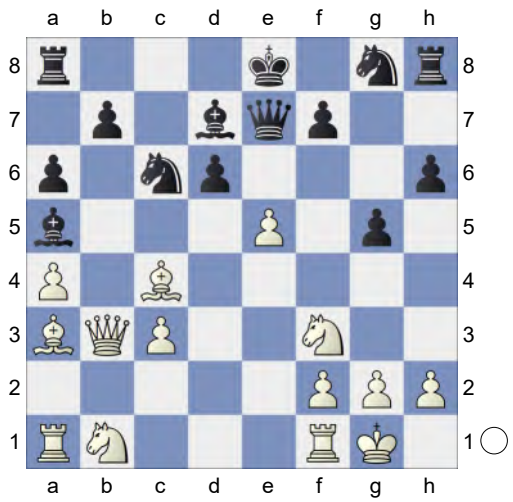
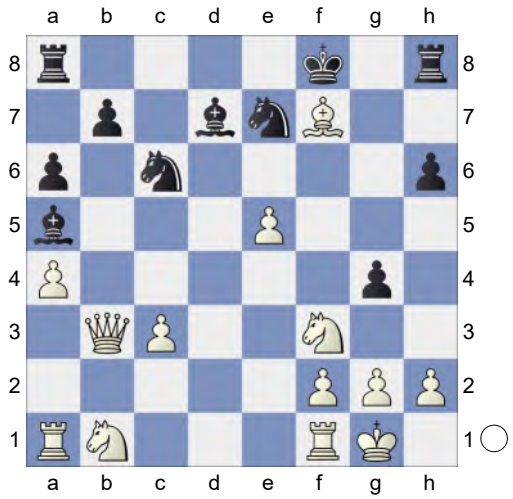


14.Bxd6 g4 15.Bxe7 Ngxe7 16.Bxf7+ Kf8



17.Bh5! Nd5

[17...Be8 18.Bxg4]

18.Qxd5 Rh7 Prevents Qf7+ **19.Nh4** aiming for Ng6+. **19...Rd8 20.e6 Ne7** Inhibits Qf5+. **21.Qxa5 Be8 22.Qxd8** White mates. **22...b5 23.Qxe8+ Kg7 24.Qxe7+ Kg8 25.Qd8+ Kg7** Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) / Black=1.64 **26.Nf5#**

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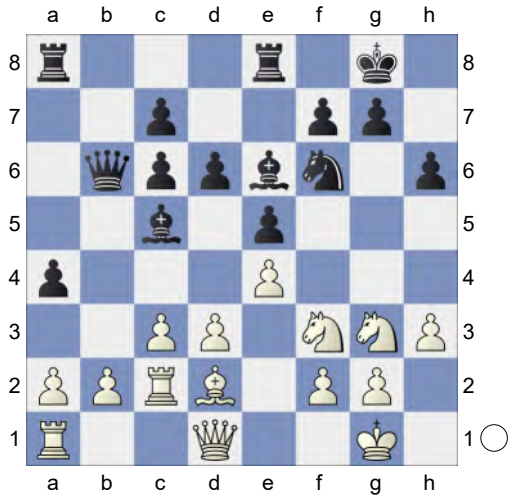
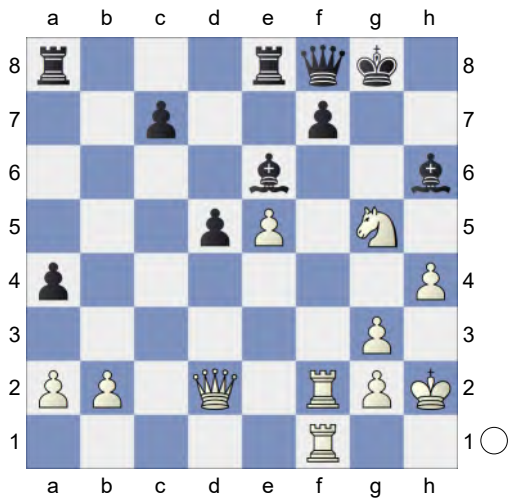
10 **C54**
□ **ProteusSFX-AI** **3212**
■ **FRINGE407** **2983**
Rapid 09.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6**
[4...d6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 Re8 10.h3 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Nxe4 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Rxe4 Kf8 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8 16.Qd3 h6 17.Re1 Qf7 18.Qh7 Bf5 19.Qh8+ 15.de6 ♗e6 16. ♘d5_21371 (1454)-4. dxe5 dxe5 5. Qxd8+ (1039) W-ch M corr 2023 The Week in Chess 404 [John Watson] 1-0 (37)]
5.d3 d6N
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic, Z (2536) Novi Sad 2003 CI1-130 [Ilincic,Zlatko] 0-1 (45) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2018 Juniors [Dragan Solak] 1-0 (45) Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 (45) Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) Brest 2018 EXT 2019 [ChessBase II]]
6.0-0 a5 7.Re1 0-0 8.h3 h6
The position is equal. **9.Nbd2 Be6 10.Bb5 Qb8 11.Nf1 Qa7 12.Re2** -0.21/18
[12.Be3 0.13/18 is superior. Qb6 13.a4 Bxe3 14.Nxe3]
12...a4= 13.Ng3 Qa5 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Rc2 Rfe8 16.Bd2 Qb6



17.Bxh6! gxh6 18.d4 exd4 19.cxd4 Bb4 20.Qc1 d5 21.e5 -0.19/20
[21.Rxc6± 0.31/20 Qb5 22.Qxh6 dxe4 23.Ne5]
21...Ne4 next ...Nxg3 is good for Black.
22.Qxh6 Bf8 23.Qf4 Nxg3 24.fxg3 -0.83/20
[24.Qxg3+= 0.01/21 Bg7 25.Rac1]
24...c5∓ 25.Ng5 -1.29/18
[⌓25.Kh2 -0.93/19]
25...cxd4 26.Rf2 d3 -0.53/19
[26...Qa6∓ -0.85/19 27.Raf1 Be7]
27.Kh2!∓ Bh6 ...a3 is the strong threat.
28.Raf1 d2 -0.42/21
[28...a3? 29.Qh4 Bxg5 30.Qxg5+ Kf8 31.Rf6+-]
[Better is 28...Rab8!∓ -1.26/18 Strongly threatening ...Qb4. 29.Qf6 Bxg5 30.Qxg5+ Kf8]
29.Qxd2 Qc5 30.h4 Qf8

(Diagram)



31.Nxe6! Rxe6 32.Qxd5 Rae8 33.Rxf7 Qxf7 34.Rxf7 Kxf7 35.Qd7+ R8e7 36.Qxa4 Bg7! 37.Qf4+ Ke8 38.Qa4+ c6 39.g4 Bxe5+ 40.g3 Bc7 41.g5 Re3 42.Qxc6+ Kf7 43.Kh1 R3e6 44.Qd5 Bxg3 aiming for ...Kg6. **45.h5**

[45.Qf3+? Kg7 46.h5 *(46.Qxg3 Re1+ 47.Kh2 R7e2+ 48.Qg2 Rxg2+ 49.Kxg2 Re2+ 50.Kg3 Rxb2-+)* 46...Bh4 47.Qc3+ Re5-+]

45...Bc7 46.b4 Kg7 47.Qd4+ Kh7 48.b5 -0.42/22

[48.g6+!= -0.01/17 Kh6 49.Qh8+ Kg5 50.g7 Re1+ 51.Kg2 R7e2+ 52.Kf3 Re3+ 53.Kg2 R3e2+ 54.Kf3 Re3+ 55.Kg2 R3e2+]

48...Re1+ 49.Kg2 R1e2+ 50.Kf3 R2e5! 51.Qd3+? -1.82/19

[51.Qf4= -0.21/21]

51...Kh8!-+ 52.Qc3 Kg8 53.Qc1 Bd8! 54.g6 Against Rf7+ **54...Kg7!**

[54...Rf5+?! 55.Kg4 Ree5 56.Qc4+ *(56.Qc8 Rf8=)* 56...Kg7 57.Qc8= *(57.Qd4 Rg5+ 58.Kf3 Bf6∓)*]

55.Qd2 Bb6 56.a4 -1.80/20

[56.Qd6∓ -0.72/18 Bc5 57.Qc6]

56...Bc5! 57.a5 -2.25/19

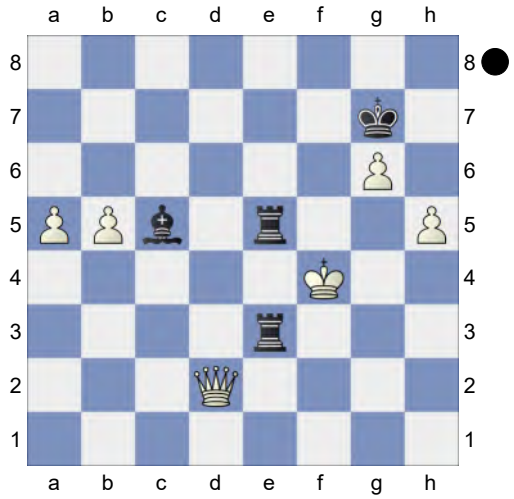
[⊿57.Qc1 -1.80/19]

57...Re3+!

[Inferior is 57...Rxh5 58.b6=]

58.Kg4 R7e4+ 59.Kf5 Threatening mate with h6+! **59...Re5+ 60.Kf4** -1.83/19

[60.Kg4∓ -0.76/24 was the only defense.]



60...R3e4+!

[Stronger than 60...Rxh5 61.Qd7+ Re7 62.Qc6∓]

61.Kf3 Rd4! The board is on fire.

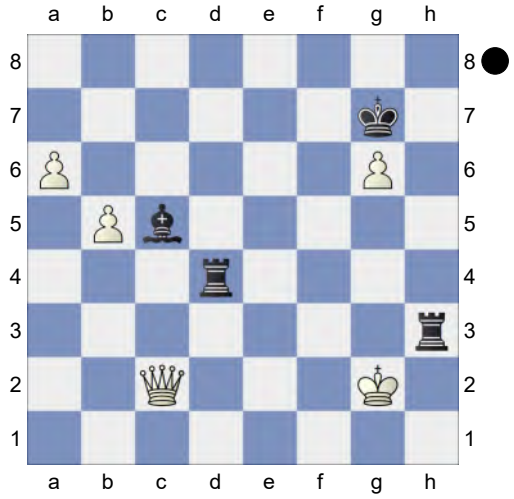
62.Qc2 -1.49/21

[White should try 62.Qb2 -0.75/19]

62...Rxh5∓ Threatens to win with ...Rh3+. &Nero is more active. **63.a6?** -5.47/20

[63.b6 -1.62/20 is more resistant.]

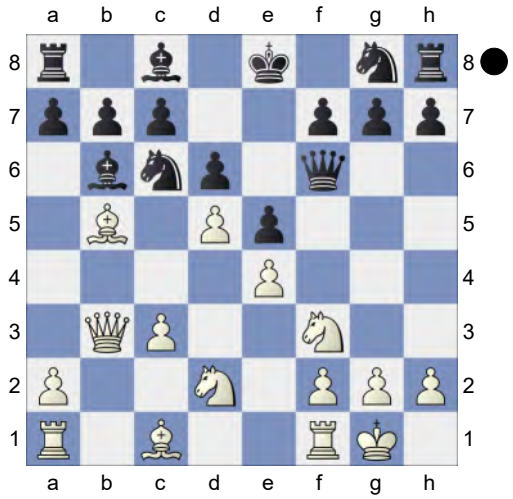
63...Rh3+-+ 64.Kg2



Ra3! Hoping for ...Rg4+.
[And not 64...Rh5 65.a7 Bxa7 66.Qc7+ Kxg6 67.Qxa7 Rg5+ 68.Kf2=]
65.Qb2 Kxg6 66.Qe2 Inhibits Rg4+.
66...Kf6 And now ...Rdd3 would win.
67.b6 Rdd3 68.Qf1+ Kg7 69.b7 Ra2+ 70.Kh1 Rd8 71.Qg2+ Rxg2 72.Kxg2 Ba7 73.Kf3 Rd6 74.b8Q Bxb8 75.Kf4 Rxa6+ 76.Ke3 Rd6 77.Kf4 Ba7 78.Kf3 Be3 79.Kxe3 KR-K **79...Kf6 80.Ke4 Rd7 81.Kf4 Re7 82.Kg4 Re4+ 83.Kg3 Kg5 84.Kf3 Re5 85.Kg3 Rf5 86.Kh3 Kf4** (→ ...Kf3) **87.Kg2 Kg4** Black mates. **88.Kh2 Kf3 89.Kg1 Kg3 90.Kh1 Rf1#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
0-1

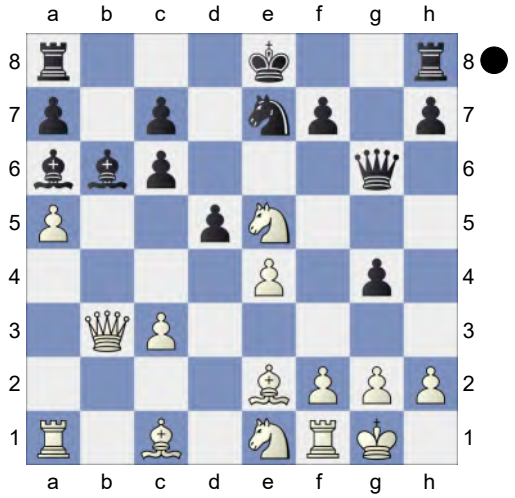
11 **C52**
□ **TheUnrestrictedGod** **3198**
■ **DaBestFARMER** **2813**
Blitz 04.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Qe7 0.60/18
[9...Na5∓ -0.35/19 10.Qc2 f6 *(10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6* 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3) *)* 11.a4 Ne7 12.Ba2 Qc6 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Ba3 Be6 15.Bb4 Bxa2 16.Qxa2 Ng6 17.g3 Nf8 18.Bxa5 Bxa5 19.Nc4 Bb6 20.Rad1 Nd7 21.Rd5 0-0-0 0-1 Short,N (2706)-Filippov,A (2595) Kolkata op 4th 2009 (7)]
10.Bb5N and d5 would now be decisive
[10.Ba3 Qf6 11.Bb5 Bd7 12.Nc4 Nge7 13.Rad1 exd4 14.cxd4 0-0-0 15.e5 dxe5 16.dxe5 Qf5 17.Nxb6+ cxb6 18.Bd6 Ng6 19.Qa3 Nf4 20.Bxc6 Bxc6 21.Qxa7 Rxd6 22.Qa8+ Kc7 23.exd6+ Kd7 24.Qxh8 Nh3+ ½-½ Christensen,H (2151)-Piscitelli,V (2299) Jurajski mem2 corr9294 1992 (10) 25.Kh1 Qxf3 26.Qxg7 Nxf2+ 27.Kg1 Nh3+ 28.gxh3 Qh1+ 29.Kf2 Qf3+ ½-½ Degenbaev,A (2151)-Ovod,E (2299) Issykkul op Korumdu 2023 (10)]
10...Qf6? 2.49/17
[Black should try 10...Bd7± 0.60/19]
11.d5+-



Pin **11...Nge7**
[Much worse is 11...a6 12.Qa4 *(12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Nc4 Bc5=; 12.Ba4 Bc5+-)*]
12.dxc6 bxc6 13.Be2 g5 14.Nc4 g4 15.Ne1 Ba6 16.a4
[Much less strong is 16.Bxg4 d5+-]

16...Qg6 17.a5 d5 18.Nxe5



Discovered Attack, Double Attack **18...Bxf2+ 19.Rxf2 Qxe4 20.Nxg4 Qe6 21.Nf6+ Qxf6 22.Rxf6 Bc4 23.Qb4 Rg8 24.Ba3 c5 25.Qxc5 Kd7 26.Qxe7+** White mates. **26...Kc8 27.Rc6 f6** White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=1.28 **28.Qxc7#**
1-0

12 **C54**
□ **proteussfx-ai** **3165**
■ **admete_bot** **2421**
Blitz 01.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

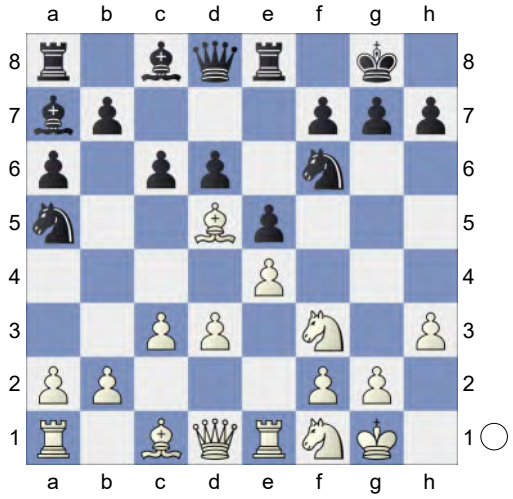
C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3N**

[6.h3 a6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Nh5 10.Kh2 Nxg3 11.fxg3 0-0 12.c3 Na5 13.Nbd2 Nxc4 14.Nxc4 Be6 15.Ne1 b5 16.Nd2 f5 17.Qh5 Kg7 18.Nc2 Qe8 19.Qe2 Qg6 20.d4 exd4 Castro,T (2000)-Rumph,T (2183) San Francisco 2012 [Kostya] 0-1 (50)]

[6.Nbd2 a5 7.c3 0-0 8.h3 Ba7 9.Re1 Ne7 10.Nf1 c6 11.Ng3 b5 12.Bb3 a4 13.Bc2 Ng6 14.d4 h6 15.Be3 Be6 16.Qd2 Re8 17.a3 Qe7 18.Rad1 Qf8 19.Qc1 Rad8 20.Qb1 Bb8 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Caruana,F (2766) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (54)]

[6.Nc3 Bg4 *(6...h6 7.h3 g5 8.Na4 g4 9.hxg4 Bxg4 10.Nxc5 dxc5 11.c3 Qd6 12.Be3 0-0-0 13.Qe2 Rdg8 14.Rad1 Rg7 15.Kh1 Rhg8 16.d4 Nxe4 17.dxc5 Qg6 18.Bd3 Qh5+ 19.Kg1 Bxf3 20.Qxf3 Qxf3 21.g3* Amateur-Anderssen,A Rotterdam 1861 0-1*)* 7.Be3 Nd4 8.Bxd4 Bxd4 9.Ne2 Bb6 10.Ng3 h5 11.Nf5 d5 12.Bb3 dxe4 13.dxe4 Qxd1 14.Raxd1 Nxe4 15.Ne3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 f6 17.h3 Bd7 18.Bf7+ Ke7 19.Nh4 Bb5 20.Bd5 Nd6 Korganoff, B-Soultanbeieff,V Brussels 1945 EXT 2015 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (38)]

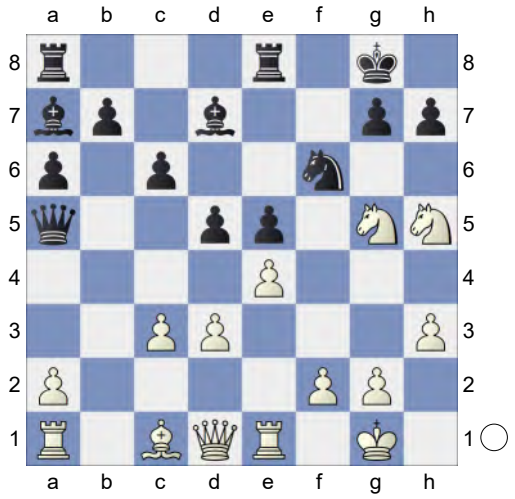
6...0-0 7.h3 a6 8.Re1 Re8 9.Nbd2 Ba7 10.Nf1 The position is equal. **10...Na5 11.Bd5 c6**



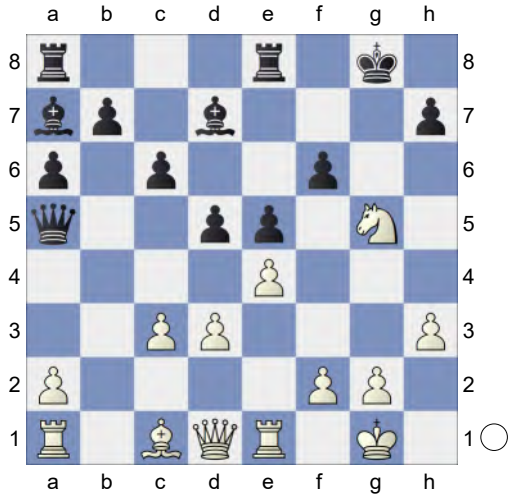
12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.b4 Kg8 14.Ng3 Be6 15.Ng5! Bd7 16.bxa5 Qxa5 17.Nh5 d5? 2.85/19

[17...Qxc3? 18.Nxf6+ gxf6 19.Nxh7 Qxe1+ 20.Qxe1+-]

[Black should play 17...Rf8± 0.49/19 18.Nxf6+ Rxf6 19.Qb3+ Kh8]



This costs Black the game. **18.Nxf6+!+- gxf6**



19.Nxh7 Qd8

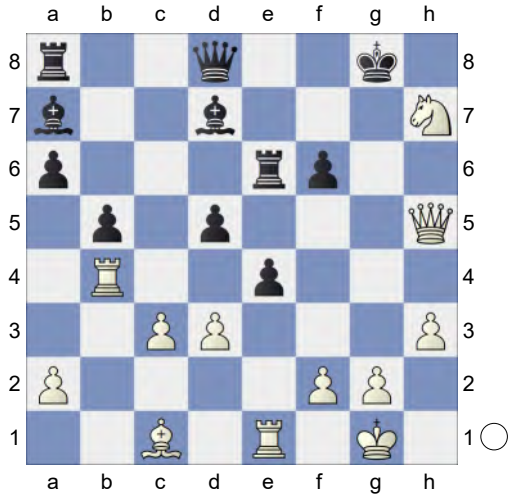
[19...Kxh7? 20.Qh5+ Kg8 21.Bh6+-]
[19...Re6 20.Qh5]

20.Qh5 Hoping for Qg6+. **20...Re6 21.Rb1** Dancing on a razor blade. **21...b5** 7.61/23

[⊿21...Qe7 4.01/20 22.Rxb7 Qxh7 23.Qxh7+ Kxh7]

22.exd5 cxd5 23.Rb4 White threatens Rg4+ and mate. **23...e4**

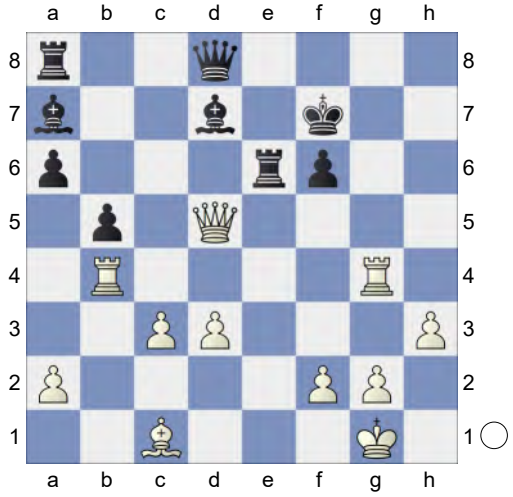
(Diagram)



24.Qxd5! Kxh7

[24...Rc8 25.Rbxe4]

25.Rexe4 Kg7 26.Rg4+ Kf7



27.Rg7+!! Kf8

[27...Kxg7 28.Rg4+]

28.Rbg4 Bxf2+ 29.Kxf2 Qb6+ 30.d4 Re2+ 31.Kg3 Re3+ 32.Kh4 Rxh3+ 33.gxh3 White mates. **33...Qe6 34.Rg8+ Qxg8 35.Rxg8+ Ke7 36.Ba3+ b4 37.Bxb4#** Normal Normal. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.63

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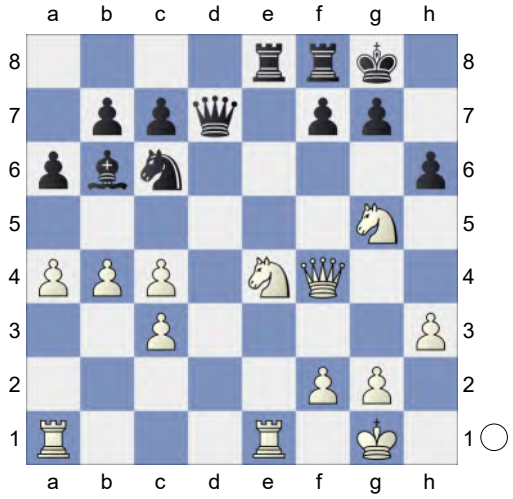
13 **C51**
□ **ProteusSFX-AI** **3162**
■ **admete_bot** **2419**
Blitz 01.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bb6 5.a4 a6 6.d3N**
[6.Bb2 d6 7.b5 axb5 8.axb5 Rxa1 9.Bxa1 Na5 10.Ba2 Nf6 11.Nc3 0-0 12.0-0 c6 13.d4 exd4 14.Nxd4 Re8 15.Qd3 Qe7 16.Nf3 Be6 17.Bxe6 Qxe6 18.Na4 Bd8 19.e5 dxe5 20.Nxe5 Bc7 Tuchtenhagen,H-Greenleaf,J corr 1998 200 Traps In The Opening [Haugen,Arild(Übersetzt Herbert Bellmann)] ½-½ (42)]
[6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Nd5 *(7.d4 Bxd4 8.Nxd4 Nxd4 9.f4 d6 10.0-0 h6 11.fxe5 dxe5 12.Nd5 Be6 13.Nxf6+ gxf6 14.Bd3 Nb3 15.Rb1 Nxc1 16.Qxc1 Qd4+ 17.Kh1 f5 18.exf5 Bd5 19.Be2 0-0-0 20.c3 Qe4 21.Bf3 Qd3* Rigby,D-Torma,R corr SWE Telepartie 1997 200 Traps In The Opening [Haugen,Arild(Übersetzt Herbert Bellmann)] ½-½ (77) *)* 7...Nxd5 8.exd5 Nd4 *(8...e4 9.dxc6 0-0 10.Bb2 exf3 11.Qxf3 dxc6 12.Qg3 Re8+ 13.Be5 Rxe5+ 14.Qxe5 Bd4 15.Qf4 Qe7+ 16.Be2 Bxa1 17.Qf3 Qxb4 18.0-0 Bf6 19.Re1 Qxd2 20.Kf1 Be6 21.Qe4 Bd5 22.Qd3 Bxg2+* 0-1 (22) Benassi,A (1790)-Mauro,L (1605) Italy 1982 Corr 2002 [Mauro] *)* 9.a5 Ba7 10.0-0 *(10.d6 cxd6 11.Nxd4 Bxd4 12.Ra3* [Dell] *)* 10...Nxf3+ 11.Qxf3 d6 12.d3 0-0 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Qxe3 f5 15.f4 exf4 16.Qxf4 Bd7 17.d4 Qf6 18.h4 Qf7 19.Rae1 Rae8 20.Bb3 Re7 Nepomnjatschij (2395)-Logan,T (2555) Bled 1995 Telechess CBM 89 [Rause] 0-1 (47)]
6...Nf6 7.c3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nbd2 d5 0.60/20
[9...Ba7= 0.24/18]
10.exd5⩲ Nxd5 11.Ne4 Bg4 White is slightly better. **12.Re1 Qd7** 1.04/20
[12...Bh5⩲ 0.60/19 deserves consideration.]
13.h3± Bf5 14.Bd2 Nf4 1.61/23
[14...Rfe8± 1.13/21]
15.Bxf4+- exf4 16.Qd2 Be6 17.Qxf4 Rae8 18.Nfg5 Bxc4 19.dxc4 Threatens to win with c5. **19...h6** 1.97/23
[19...Ne7± 1.56/21 20.c5 Ba7]



20.Nf6+! gxf6 21.Ne4→ Discovered Attack. White wants a kill. **21...Rxe4 22.Rxe4 Kg7** 2.52/27
[22...f5 1.83/25 was worth a try. 23.Ree1 f6]
23.c5 Ba7

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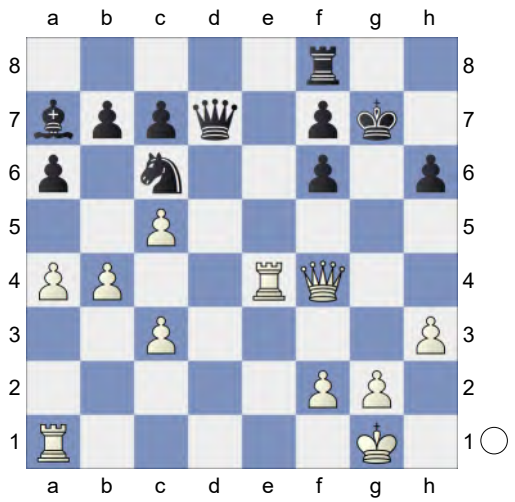
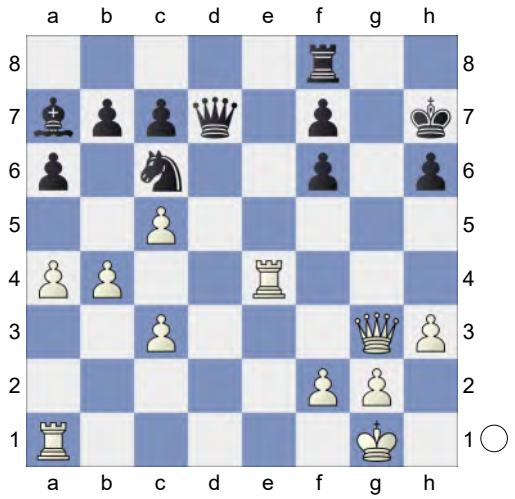


24.Qg3+! White has strong compensation. **24...Kh7**



25.Qf3! aiming for Rd1. **25...f5** **26.Ree1** **f6** **27.Rad1** **Qc8** **28.Qd5** And now Re6 would win. **28...Kg6** 3.12/26

[⌓28...Kg7 2.08/25 29.Re6 Kh8 30.Qxf5 Nd8]

29.Re3 Hoping for Rg3+. **29...f4** Prevents Rg3+. **30.Re6** **Rd8?** 11.79/21

[30...Kg7 3.64/22 31.Rde1 Rf7]

31.Qe4+ **Kf7** **32.Re1** Qh7+ would kill now. **32...Rh8** Prevents Qh7+. **33.Qc4** White threatens Re7+ and mate. **33...Kg6** **34.Qxf4** **Qd8** **35.Qg4+** **Kf7** **36.Qh5+** **Kg7** **37.b5** **axb5** **38.axb5** **Bxc5** **39.Qxc5** **h5** **40.bxc6** #15/21

[40.Qf5+- 23.64/19 Kf7 41.bxc6]

40...bxc6 **41.Qf5** White wants to mate with Re7+. **41...Kf7** **42.Qe4** **Rg8** **43.Re7+** **Kf8** **44.Qh7** **Rxg2+** **45.Kxg2** **Qd5+** **46.Kh2** **Qd6+** **47.Kg1** **Qg3+** **48.fxg3** **f5** **49.Re8#** Normal Normal. White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.46

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14 **C50**

□ **ProteusSFX-AI** **3148**

■ **admete_bot** **2423**

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[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4** **e5** **2.Nf3** **Nc6** **3.Bc4** **Bc5** **4.0-0** **Nf6** **5.d3** **d6** **6.Nc3** **Na5** **7.Bg5** **Nxc4** **8.dxc4** **Be6** The position is equal. **9.Qd3** **h6** **10.Bxf6** **Qxf6** **11.Nd5N** **Bxd5** **12.cxd5** **0-0** **13.g3** **a5** 0.03/18

[13...c6!∓ -0.33/18]

14.Kg2= **a4** **15.Qd2** **c6** **16.b4↑** White fights for an advantage. **16...Bb6** **17.c4** **Rfd8** **18.Rab1** **a3** **19.Rfd1** **cxd5** 1.47/22

[19...Qe7± 0.68/17]

20.Qxd5± **g5** **21.h3**

[21.Qxb7 g4 22.Qxb6 Qxf3+ 23.Kg1 Qxe4±]

21...h5 **22.Rd2**

[Not 22.Qxb7 Rab8 23.Qd5 g4 24.hxg4 hxg4=]

22...Ra7

[22...g4? 23.hxg4 hxg4 24.Nh4+-]

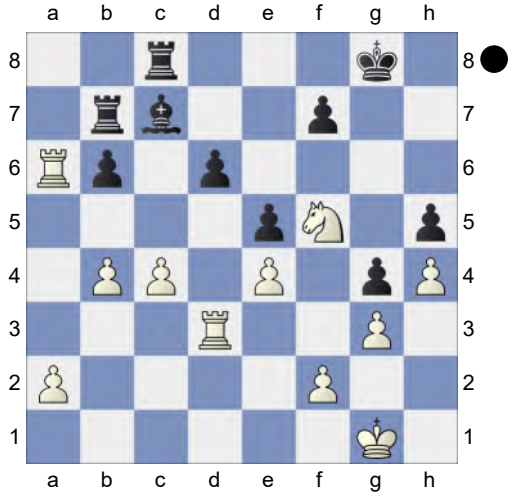
23.Rb3 **Kg7** **24.Qb5** 1.37/19

[White should play 24.Ne1+- 1.88/21]

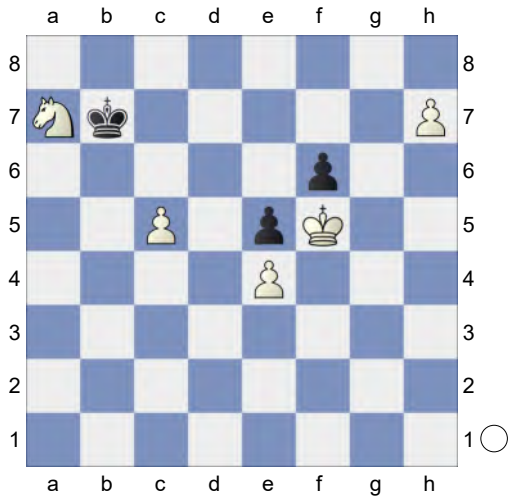
24...Bc7 1.80/21

[24...Ra6± 1.37/19 might work better. 25.Rc2 Qe7]

25.Rdd3 0.80/18
[25.Ne1+- 1.80/21 has better winning chances.]
25...Rda8 1.93/21
[25...g4? 26.hxg4 Qg6 27.gxh5 *(27.Rxa3 Rxa3 28.gxh5 Qxh5+-)* 27...Qxe4 28.c5+-]
[25...Qg6± 0.80/18]
26.Qd7 b6 2.07/21
[⌓26...Bb8 1.69/21 27.h4 *(27.Qc8 b5±)* 27...g4]
27.Qc6+- Qe7 28.Nd2 Qf6 29.Nf1 g4 30.h4 Kg8 31.Kg1 Qe6 32.Ne3 Qe8 33.Qxe8+ Rxe8 34.Rxa3 Rb7 35.Ra6 Rc8 36.Nf5



Threatens to win with Ne7+. **36...Rd8 37.Kg2 Kh7** 5.53/22
[⌓37...Kf8 3.82/22 38.f3 gxf3+ 39.Kxf3 Kg8]
38.a4 f6? 6.51/22
[38...Kg8 3.81/21 39.f3 gxf3+ 40.Rxf3 Rd7 41.Ra8+ Kh7]
39.Rd5 Kh8 40.Rb5 Rdb8 41.a5 bxa5 42.Rxb7 Rxb7 43.bxa5 Endgame KRB-KRN **43...Kg8 44.Ra8+ Rb8 45.Rxb8+ Bxb8** KB-KN **46.f3 gxf3+ 47.Kxf3 Kf7 48.g4 hxg4+ 49.Kxg4 Kf8 50.h5 Ba7 51.a6** Intending h6 and mate. **51...Kf7 52.Nxd6+ Kg7 53.Nb5 Be3 54.a7 Bxa7 55.Nxa7** KN-KPP **55...Kf7 56.Kf5 Ke7 57.c5 Kd7 58.h6 Kc7 59.h7 Kb7**



60.h8Q! Kxa7 61.Qd8 White wants to mate with Qc7+. **61...Kb7 62.Qb6+** White mates. **62...Kc8 63.Ke6 f5 64.Kd6 fxe4 65.Qc7#** Normal Normal. Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.71
1-0

15 **C52**
□ **ProteusSFX-AI** **3146**
■ **admete_bot** **2424**
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[Kitty Kat]

C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 7.Qb3 Qe7 8.0-0 Bb6
[8...Qxe4? 9.Bxf7+ *(9.Re1 Qxe1+ 10.Nxe1 Ne5+-)* 9...Kd8 10.Ng5+- *(10.Bxg8 h6+-; 10.Re1 Qxe1+ 11.Nxe1 Nge7+-)*]
9.cxd4 White wants to play e5. The position is equal. **9...Nxd4** -0.37/17
[9...Qxe4? 10.Re1+- *(10.Bxf7+ Kf8+-)*]
[9...d6= 0.03/21]
10.Nxd4∓ Bxd4 11.Nc3! Nf6

Threatens to win with ...0-0!. **12.Rd1N** -0.37/19

[12.Ba3= 0.06/19 is superior. d6 13.Rad1 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Qe5 15.Qc1 *(15.Qxe5+ dxe5 16.f4 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.fxe5 Nd7 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Bd6 Kd8 21.Ba3 Ke8 22.Bd6 Kd8 23.Ba3 Ke8 24.Bd6* ½-½ Kovalevskaya,E (2486)-Stefanova,A (2497) EU-Cup (Women) 07th 2002 (4.2)*)* 15...0-0 16.Bb2 Qe7 17.e5 Ne8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.exd6 Nxd6 20.Bb3 Rfe8 21.Rd3 Nf5 22.Rf3 Nh4 23.Rfe3 Nf5 24.Rf3 ½-½ Jirk,J (2383)-Advance Caro-Kann: Short Vari,6 (2451) 154/(201) Istanbul 2022]

[12.Nb5 d5 13.exd5 Bxa1 14.Ba3 Qe5 15.f4 Bd4+ 16.Kh1 Qe3 17.Nxd4 Qxb3 18.Re1+ Kd8 19.Be7+ Kd7 20.Nxb3 c6 21.d6 b6 22.Bxf7 c5 23.Nd2 Kc6 24.Nc4 Bf5 25.Ne5+ Kb7 26.a4 h5 Gaujens,A-Azmaiparshvili,Z X Open Salou ESP 2008 27.Bxf6 gxf6 28.Bd5+ Ka6 29.Bc4+ Kb7 30.Bd5+ Ka6 31.Bc4+ Kb7 ½-½ Pink,J (2701)-Payet,A (2626) San Bernardino op 1989 (8)]

12...c5 0.67/21

[Black should play 12...Be5∓ -0.37/19 13.Bg5 b5 14.Nxb5 c6]

13.Bg5

[13.Rxd4!? cxd4 14.Ba3=]

13...Qe5 1.38/21

[13...b5± 0.51/19 14.Nxb5 *(14.Bxb5 0-0=)* 14...Bxa1 15.Rxa1 *(15.Nc7+ Kf8∓)* 15...Qe5 *(15...0-0 16.Qg3±)* 16.Bxf6 *(16.Bxf7+ Kf8∓)* 16...gxf6]

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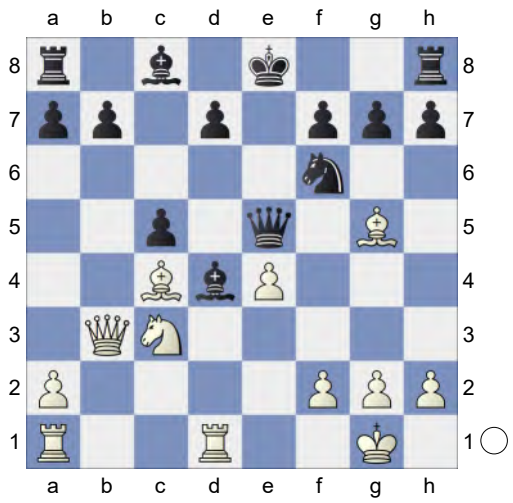
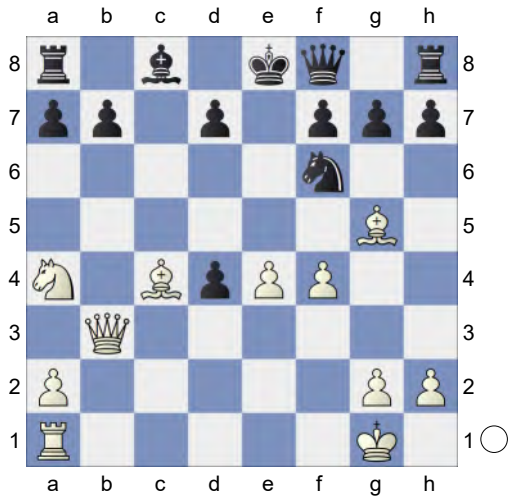


Prevents Nd5. **14.Rxd4!± cxd4 15.f4 Qc5 16.Na4** White has strong compensation.

[16.Bxf7+ Kf8-+ 17.Na4 Qc7±]

16...Qf8



17.Rd1! White has more active pieces. This costs Black the game. **17...Ng8** 2.66/17

[17...h6± 1.18/19 keeps fighting. 18.Bh4 *(18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Rxd4 Rg8∓)* 18...g5]

18.f5+-

[Less strong is 18.Rxd4 Ne7±]

18...Ne7 19.Bc1 A strong pair of Bishops.

[19.Rxd4 Nc6 20.Rd1 f6-+ *(20...Na5 21.Rd5∓)*]

19...Nc6 20.Ba3 Qg8 5.05/17
[⊿20...d6 3.34/18 21.Qg3 Qe7]
21.Bd5 h5 22.Qb5 And now Bxc6 would win. **22...Nd8** 7.66/15
[⊿22...Ne7 4.96/18 23.h3 *(23.Bxb7 Bxb7 24.Qxb7 Rd8±; 23.Rxd4 Qf8+-)* 23...Rh6 24.Rxd4 *(24.Bxb7 Bxb7 25.Qxb7 Rd8±)* 24...Qf8]
23.Nb2 a6 24.Qa5 Rh6 25.Nc4 b5 26.Qb4 White mates. **26...d6 27.Nxd6+ Rxd6 28.Qxd6 Ra7** Black is weak on the dark squares **29.Rxd4 Rd7 30.Bc6 Nxc6 31.Qxc6 b4 32.Qxc8+ Ke7 33.Qxd7+ Kf6 34.Qd6+ Kg5 35.Bc1+ Kg4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.66 **36.Qf4#** Normal
1-0

16 **C52**
□ **ProteusSFX-AI** **3128**
■ **admete_bot** **2429**
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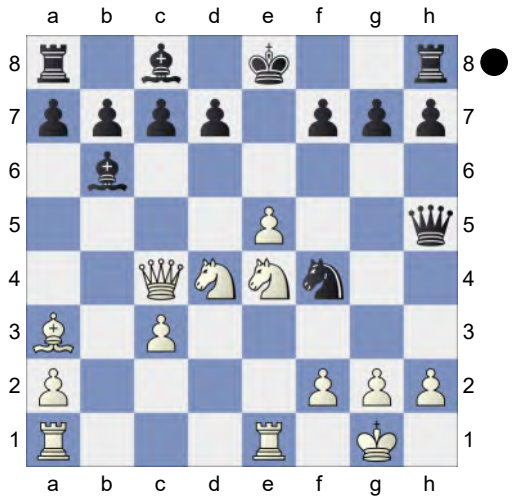
[Kitty Kat]

C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 7.Qb3 Qf6 8.0-0! Bb6 9.e5 The position is equal.
9...Qf5
[9...Qg6 10.cxd4 Na5 11.Qc3 Nxc4 12.Qxc4 Ne7 13.Ba3 ½-½ Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2747)-Novy,M (2686) ROM-chT Romania 1994 (3.1)]
10.Nxd4 Qh5N 0.75/19
[10...Nxd4= 0.13/18 11.cxd4 Ne7]
[10...Bxd4 11.cxd4 Nxd4 12.Qd1 Nc6 13.Bd3 Qe6 14.Nc3 Nge7 15.Re1 a6 16.Bb2 0-0 17.Qh5 h6 18.Ne4 Nb4 19.Nf6+ Kh8 20.Be4 Rd8 21.Rad1 1-0 Carlson,L (2232)-Piszcz,K (2087) Bundesliga 2014-15]
11.Ba3± Na5 1.11/20
[11...Nxe5⩲ 0.42/17 12.Re1 Kd8]
12.Qa4
[12.Qb4 c5 *(12...Qxe5 13.Qf8#)* 13.Qb5 Nxc4 *(13...cxd4 14.Qb4⩲)* 14.Qxc4 Qxe5∓ *(14...cxd4 15.Qb4=)*]
12...Nxc4 1.31/16
[12...Qxe5 13.Nd2 *(13.Nf3 Qf4±)* 13...Qf4 14.Rfe1+ Kd8 15.Rad1=]
[⊿12...Ne7 0.86/19]
13.Qxc4 Ne7 14.Re1 White has strong compensation. **14...Ng6 15.Nd2**
[15.Nb5?! Nh4⩲]
15...Nf4 16.Ne4



Against Qg5. Threatens to win with Ng3.
16...Qg6 17.g3→ Black is in trouble. White has more active pieces. Black is weak on the dark squares **17...Kd8 18.Rad1 Re8** 2.17/18
[18...h6± 1.57/17]
19.Bc1+- Nh3+
[19...Rxe5? 20.Bxf4 Re8 *(20...Rxe4? 21.Rxe4 Qxe4 22.Qxf7+-)* 21.Nb5+-]
20.Kg2 Re7
[20...Rxe5 21.Nf3 Re7 22.Nh4 *(22.Kxh3 d6+ 23.Kg2 h6±)*]
21.Nf3 Excellent horsemanship.
[21.Kxh3 d5+ *(21...Rxe5? too greedy. 22.Nf3+-)* 22.e6 fxe6⩲

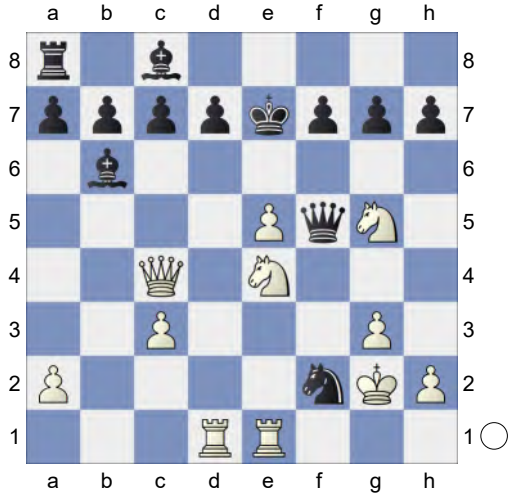
(22...dxc4 23.Nc6+ Discovered Attack (Double Check), Double Attack *Ke8 24.Rd8#)*]

21...Qg4 22.Nfg5 Nxf2 23.Ba3 Qf5? 8.79/18

[Inferior is 23...Nxd1 24.Bxe7+ Kxe7 25.Qxf7+ Kd8 26.Qf8#]

[23...Qh5 3.23/18]

24.Bxe7+ Kxe7



25.Nd6! cxd6

[25...Qg6 26.Qh4]

26.exd6+ White mates. **26...Kf6 27.Qxf7+ Kxg5 28.h4+** Deflection **28...Kh6 29.Qxf5 Bd8 30.Rd5 g5 31.Re7 Bxe7 32.dxe7 Kg7 33.Qf8+ Kg6** White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.44 **34.Rxg5#** Normal **1-0**

17 **C52**

☐ **Nikitosik-ai** **3120**

■ **PetersBot** **3053**

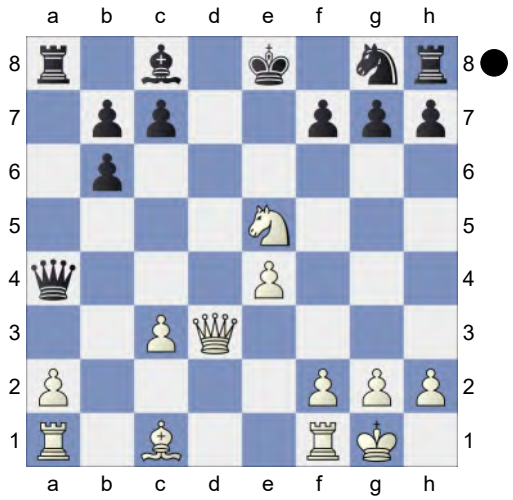
Rapid 28.11.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Nxc4** 0.13/18

[10...Qe7∓ -0.46/19]

11.Nxc4= The position is equal. **11...Qc6 12.Nxb6 axb6 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Nxe5 Qa4 15.Qd3**



Nf6 16.Bg5 Qxe4 17.Qb5+ c6! 18.Qxb6

[Wrong is 18.f3? Qf5 *(18...cxb5 19.fxe4 Nxe4 20.Rae1-+)* 19.Qc4 0-0-+ *(19...Qxg5 20.Qxf7+ Kd8 21.f4±; 19...Qxe5? 20.Rfe1+-* Pin *)*]

18...0-0!

[18...Qxe5? too greedy. 19.Rfe1+-]

19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Rae1 Qd5 21.Nf3 Kh8N

[21...Rxa2 22.Re3 Ra6 23.Qc7 c5 24.Qg3+ Kh8 25.Rfe1 Re6 26.Qf4 Qd6 27.Qh6 Rxe3 28.fxe3 Rg8 29.e4 Bg4 30.e5 Qa6 31.e6 Bxe6 32.Qxf6+ Rg7 33.Rd1 1-0 Model games in 3...Bc5-Lomasov,S]

22.Rd1 Qh5 23.Qd4 Qg6 24.Nh4 Qg5 25.Nf3 Qf5 26.Nd2 Rxa2 27.Ne4 Qe5 28.Qb4 Rg8 29.Nd6 Be6 30.Qxb7 Rxg2+!

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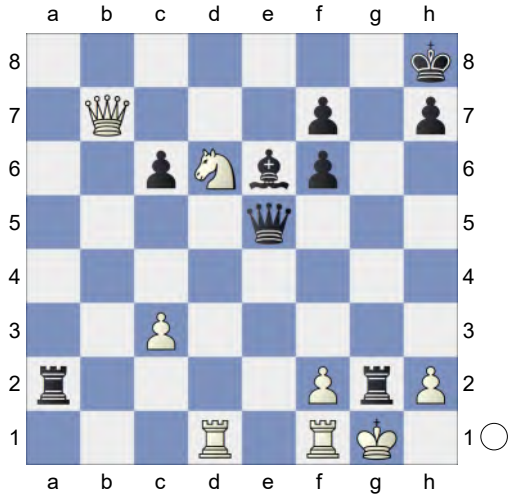

Decoy **31.Kxg2 Bd5+ 32.Rxd5! Qxd5+ 33.Kg1** and Qc8+ should not be overlooked **33...Qxd6** Endgame KQR-KQR. Black is a pawn up. **34.Qc8+ Kg7 35.Qg4+ Kh6 36.Qh3+ Kg7 37.Qg4+ Kf8 38.Qc8+ Kg7** and ...Ra5 would now be decisive Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless) **39.Qg4+**
½-½

18 **C52**
□ **M-Z_Bot** **3116**
■ **ArasanX** **3080**
Rapid 10.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 Illingworth, Max: 'If Kramnik's 9.a3 novelty puts you off 3... Nf6 and 3...e5 also doesn't appeal to you, I'll recommend the following exchange sacrifice as a dangerous, dynamic weapon. It still hasn't been seen in a lot of games and strong players are still being caught out.' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6!** ...Nf6 is in the air **9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Ne7** 0.09/20
[⊼10...Nxc4 -0.27/18 11.Nxc4 Qc6 12.Nxb6 axb6]
[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]
11.dxe5= 0-0 12.exd6
[12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 b6 26.Nc4 Rc7 0-1 Adhiban,B (2630)-Nakamura,H (2776) 123/125 Gibraltar 2015]
12...cxd6N
[12...Ng6 is more complex. 13.Re1 cxd6 14.Ba3 Nf4]
[12...Qxd6 13.e5 Qc6 14.Bd3 Ng6 15.c4 Bc5 16.Bb2 Be6 17.Bc3 Qa6 18.Nb3 Nxb3 19.axb3 Qb6 20.Ba5 Qc6 21.Be4 Qd7 22.Bxb7 Rab8 23.Rfd1 Qe7 24.Be4 Bg4 25.Re1 Bxf3 26.Bxf3 Nxe5 27.Bd5 ½-½ Guarin Fonseca,N (2268)-Rheinheimer,H (2285) Evpatoria 104/274 2008 (5) Qd6 28.Qf5 Ng6 29.Rab1 Ne7 30.Qf3 Nxd5 31.Qxd5 Qxd5 32.cxd5 Rbd8 33.Bxc7 Rxd5 34.b4 Bb6 ½-½ Goldenberg,R (2268)-Poliannikov,D (2285) New York Fall IM-D 2022 (5)]
13.a4 Qc7 14.Ba2 h6 15.Ba3 Rd8 16.Rae1 Nec6 17.Bd5 Be6 18.c4 Nd4 19.Qd3 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 Bh3
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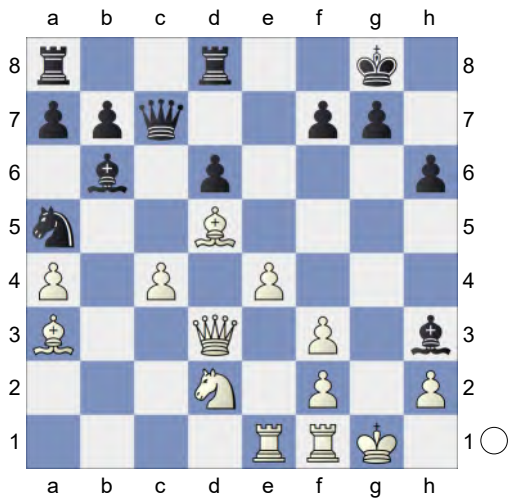

21.f4! Bxf1 22.Rxf1 Nc6 23.Kh1! White has compensation. **23...Kh8 24.f5 f6 25.Qg3 Ne5 26.Rg1**

[26.f4 Nc6=]

26...Rg8 27.a5 Bxa5 28.Nf3 Bc3 29.Nh4 Bd2 1.35/18

[29...Bd4= 0.00/21 remains equal.]

White stays focused until the end. **30.c5!±** White has more active pieces.

[30.Bb2 Bg5 31.Ng6+ Nxg6 32.fxg6 Bd2±]

30...Qa5 31.Bb2! Dancing on a razor blade. This pair of bishops is nice.

[31.f4? Bxf4 32.Qxf4 Qxa3-+]

31...Qxc5 32.f4 Qe3 And now ...Qxg3 would win. **33.fxe5 Qxg3 34.Rxg3**

[34.hxg3 dxe5 35.Ng6+ *(35.Bxb7? Rab8-+)* 35...Kh7±]

34...dxe5 35.Ng6+ Kh7 36.Bxg8+ Kxg8 37.Rb3 Repels Bb4 **37...b6 38.Ne7+ Kh7 39.Kg2! Rd8 40.Kf3 Rd6 41.Ba3** Prevents a5. **41...Rd8** 2.00/19

[41...Rd4± 1.56/18 42.Nd5 Ra4]

42.Ke2+- Bf4 43.Nd5 Bxh2

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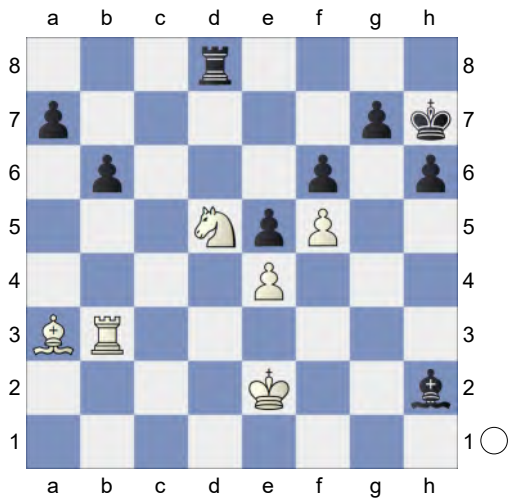
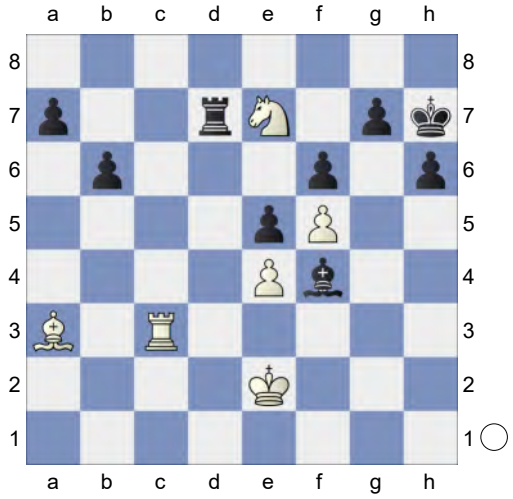


44.Rc3 2.14/18

[44.Be7!± 1.27/18 Rb8 45.Rc3]

44...Rd7 45.Ne7 Bf4 3.09/17

[45...Rd8 1.82/20 is a better defense. 46.Ng6 Kg8]



46.Ng6! Rd2+ 47.Kf3 Threatening mate with Rc8!. **47...h5 48.Bc1! Rd8** Against Rc8 **49.Bxf4 exf4 50.Nxf4** Endgame KRN-KR **50...a5 51.Nxh5 Rd7** Inhibits Rc7. **52.Nf4 a4 53.Rc2 Rd8 54.Nd5** Threatens to win with Ne7!. **54...Kg8 55.Nxb6** White is clearly winning. **55...a3 56.Nc4** Inhibits Rd6. **56...Rd4 57.Ne3**

[Inferior is 57.Nxa3 Rd3+ 58.Ke2 Rxa3=]

57...Kf7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.13 (very precise) **58.Rc7+**
1-0

19 **C52**
□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3115**
■ **ArasanX** **3050**
Rapid 28.11.2024
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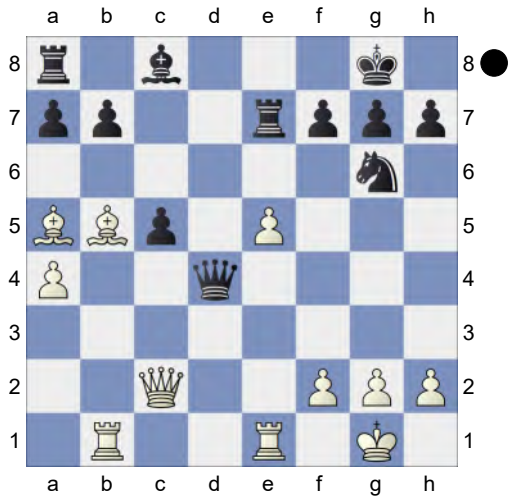
11...Ng6
[11...0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 b6 26.Nc4 0-1 Adhiban,B (2630)-Nakamura,H (2776) 123/125 Gibraltar 2015]
12.exd6 Qxd6 13.e5 Qc6 14.Be2N
[14.Bd3 Nf4 15.Be4 Qxc3 16.Qb1 Bg4 17.Bb2 Qb4 18.Qc2 0-0-0 19.a3 Qe7 20.Bf5+ Bxf5 21.Qxf5+ Ne6 22.Rac1 Rd7 23.Nc4 Nxc4 24.Rxc4 g6 25.Qh3 h5 26.Nd4 Bxd4 27.Bxd4 Kb8 28.Bb2 Rhd8 0-1 Rangeet,M (1512)-Lalith,B (2544) New Delhi op 20th 2023 (2) 29.Qb3 Rd3 30.Qc2 Qd7 31.h4 Qd5 32.Rc1 Rd2 33.Qb3 Nf4 0-1 Saleh,N (1512)-Sadvakasov,D (2544) Zalaegerszeg 2004 (2)]
14...Nf4 15.Bd1 0-0 16.Ne4 Ng6 17.Re1 Nc4
[17...Bg4 18.Neg5 Rad8 19.h3 Bc8]
18.Ned2 Nxd2 19.Bxd2 Re8 20.Nd4 Qc4 21.Be2 Qd5 22.a4 Bxd4
[22...Qxe5? 23.Bb5+-]
23.cxd4 Qxd4 24.Rab1 c5 25.Bb5 This pair of bishops is nice. **25...Re7 26.Ba5**
[26.Be3 simplifies Qxe5 27.Qxc5 Bd7 28.Qxe5 Nxe5 29.Bf1]

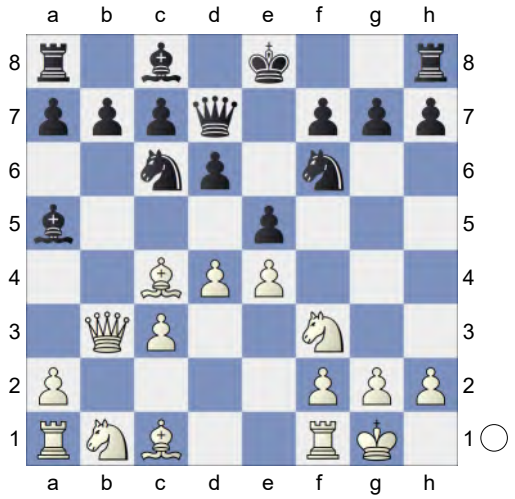


Strongly threatening Rbd1. **26...Qg4** ...Nh4 would now be deadly.
[26...Nxe5? loses. 27.Red1+-]
27.h3 Bf5 28.Qxc5 Qf4 29.Rbd1 Rxe5
[29...a6 30.Bc4 Rxe5 31.Rxe5 Nxe5 32.Rd4 Qc1+]
30.Rxe5 Qxe5 31.Qxe5
[31.Rd5 keeps more tension. Qa1+ 32.Kh2 Be6 33.Bc3]
31...Nxe5 32.Rd5⇄ White puts up resistance **32...f6 33.f4 Be6 34.Rd6 Nc4 35.Rxe6 Nxa5=** Endgame KRB-

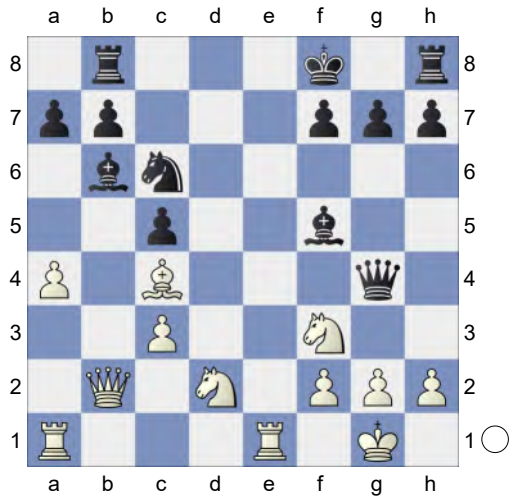
KRN. Black is a pawn up. **36.Re7 Rc8 37.Rd7 g6 38.Be2 a6 39.Kh2 Rc5 40.Rd8+ Kg7 41.Rd7+ Kg8 42.Rd8+ Kg7 43.Rd7+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless) **43...Kg8**
½-½

20 **C52**
□ **ProteusSF-Turbo** **3109**
■ **admete_bot** **2404**
Rapid 15.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Nf6 0.72/19
[8...Bb6!∓ -0.42/20 keeps the upper hand.]



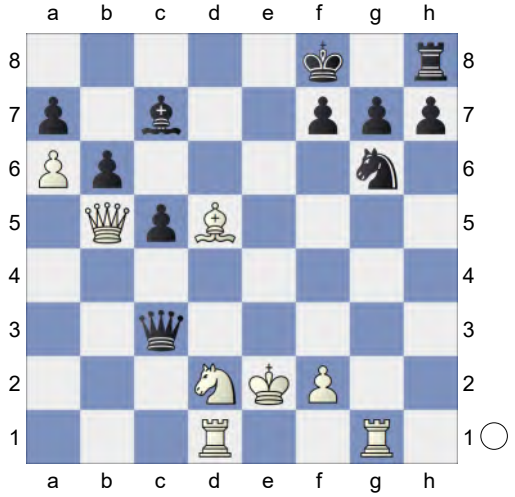
9.dxe5!± Nxe4
[9...Nxe5? 10.Nxe5 dxe5 11.Rd1+-]
[9...dxe5? 10.Rd1+-]
10.Re1 Nc5 1.33/20
[10...Qf5? 11.Bd3 Nc5 *(11...d5? 12.Qxd5 Nxc3 13.Nxc3+-)* 12.exd6+ *(12.Bxf5 Nxb3 13.exd6+ Kd8+-)* 12...Kd8 13.Bxf5+-]
[Black should try 10...d5 0.94/22]
11.exd6+ Kf8 12.Qc2N White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.
[12.Qa3 Qxd6 13.Bb5 Bb6 14.Nbd2 Be6 15.Bb2 Nd7 16.Ne4 Qxa3 17.Bxa3+ Kg8 18.Rad1 h6 19.Bxc6 bxc6 20.c4 Ba5 21.Re3 Nb6 22.Ne5 Nxc4 23.Rg3 Nxa3 24.Nd7 f5 25.Nef6+ Kf7 26.Nh5 g5 ½-½ Muir,W-Clement,P Friendly match 1966/67]
12...cxd6 13.Nbd2 Qg4 14.Ba3 Bf5 1.86/19
[14...Bb6± 1.29/15]
15.Qb2+- Bb6 16.Bxc5 dxc5 17.a4 Rb8



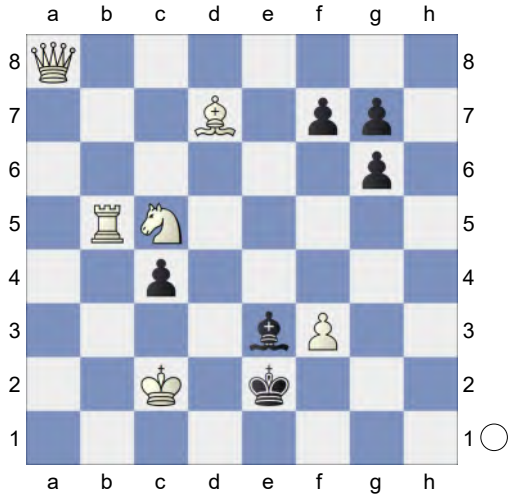
18.a5! White has strong compensation.
18...Bc7 19.Qb5 Qg6 2.35/18
[19...g6 1.82/19 was worth a try.]
20.a6
[20.Qxc5+?! Bd6 21.Qe3 Qh6±]
[20.Nh4 Qd6 21.Nxf5 Qxh2+ 22.Kf1 Qh1+ 23.Ke2 Qh5+ 24.Kf1 Qh1+ *(24...Qxf5 25.a6±)* 25.Ke2 Qh5+ 26.Nf3 Qxf5±]
20...b6 3.03/19
[⌓20...bxa6 1.92/18 21.Qxc5+ Bd6]
21.Nh4 Deflection **21...Qh6 22.Nxf5 Qxh2+ 23.Kf1 Qh1+ 24.Ke2 Qxg2**

25.Rg1 Re8+ 26.Ne3 Rxe3+ 27.Kxe3 Qh3+ 28.Ke2 Ne5 29.Bd5 Qxc3 Black is weak on the light squares **30.Rad1 Ng6** 7.28/19

[⚠30...Bb8 4.02/18 31.Rg3 Qb4 32.Qxb4 Remove Defender cxb4]



31.Rxg6! Qe5+ 32.Ne4 Qh5+ 33.f3 Black must now prevent Qd7!. **33...Qh2+ 34.Kd3 hxg6 35.Qd7 Qf4 36.Qc8+** Skewer **36...Ke7 37.Qxh8 Qe5 38.Bc6 c4+ 39.Kc2 Qh2+ 40.Qxh2 Bxh2 41.Rd7+ Ke6 42.Rxa7 b5 43.Bd7+ Ke5 44.Rb7 Bg1 45.Rxb5+ Kf4 46.Nc5 Ke3 47.a7 Ke2 48.a8Q** White mates. **48...Be3**



49.f4! Bxc5 50.Qg2+ Ke3 51.Rxc5 f6 52.Qg3+ Ke2 53.Bb5 Kf1 White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) / Black=0.66 **54.Bxc4#**
1-0

21 **C52**
□ **M-Z_Bot** **3106**
■ **caissa-x** **3083**
Rapid 09.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Qe7** Black is slightly better.

[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]

[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]

11.Ba3 f6 12.Bb5+N

[12.Rab1 Bd7 13.Bb4 Rb8 14.a4 Nh6 15.Bd5 c6 16.Ba2 Nf7 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.Nf1 Bc7 19.Ne3 Be6 20.d5 Bd7 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Qd3 Nb7 23.Ba3 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Nc4

Rfd8 26.Qe3 Qxc4 0-1 Zapolskis,A (2257)-Johnson,D (2211) London Mindsports IM 2022 (2)]

12...c6 13.Bd3 Nh6 14.c4 c5 0.25/22 Dodges Bb4

[⚆14...0-0 -0.18/22]

15.d5= White has compensation.

15...Bd8 16.Bb2 b6 17.h3 0-0 18.Nh2 Qe8 19.Kh1 Kh8 20.Bc3 Rb8 21.Rab1 Nb7 22.a4 Bc7 23.f4 -0.18/21

[23.Rg1± 0.38/21]

23...Bd7 24.Ra1 exf4 25.Rxf4 Nd8 26.Ndf3! Ng8 27.Rh4! h6! 28.Rf4! Nf7 0.34/22

[28...g5= -0.22/25 29.Rg4 Rf7]

29.Nh4± Ne5 Prevents Ng6+ **30.Rf2 Kh7 31.Be2 a6 32.Nf1 Bd8 33.Nd2 g6 34.Ndf3 Rb7 35.g4 Ne7 36.Rff1 Bc7 37.Be1 b5 38.cxb5 axb5 39.axb5 Bxb5 40.Bc3 c4 41.Rab1 g5 42.Nxe5 fxe5 43.Nf5 Nxf5 44.gxf5 Bb6 45.Bg4 Be3** The position is equal.

46.Rb2

[46.f6 Kh8∓]

46...Qf7 47.Qe2

[47.f6 Be8∓]

47...Bd4 48.Qd2 Qf6 49.Rfb1 Rfb8 50.Kh2 Kg8 51.Bh5 g4 52.Bxg4 Kh8 53.Kh1 h5 54.Bxh5 Qh4 55.Bxd4 Qxh5

[55...Qxh3+ 56.Qh2 Qxh2+ 57.Rxh2+-]

[55...Qxe4+ 56.Kh2 exd4 57.Re1+- *(57.Qh6+ Rh7±)*]

56.Bc3 Rg8 57.Qe3 Prevents Qf3+

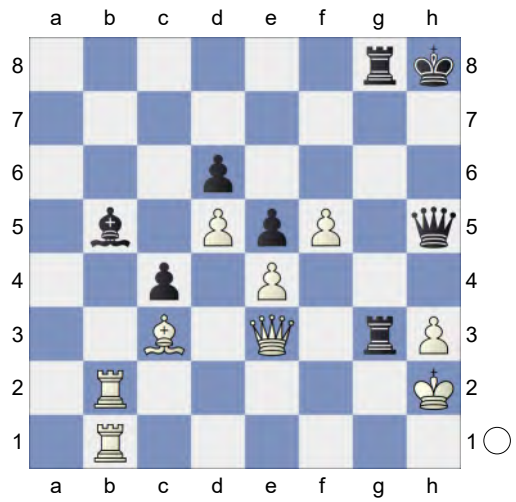
[57.Rxb5? Qxh3+ *(57...Rh7? 58.Bxe5+ dxe5 59.R5b3-+)* 58.Qh2 Qxh2+ 59.Kxh2 Rh7#]

57...Rbg7! 58.Kh2 Repels Rg3

[58.Rxb5? Rg3-+]

58...Rg3!

(Diagram)



Decoy **59.Qxg3 Rxg3 60.Kxg3 Qg5+ 61.Kh2**

[61.Kf3 Qf4+ 62.Kg2 Qxe4+ 63.Kh2 Qf4+ 64.Kg1 Qe3+ 65.Rf2 Qg3+ *(65...Qxc3 66.f6∓; 65...Qxh3? 66.Rh2+-)* 66.Rg2 Qxc3]

61...Qf4+ 62.Kg1 Qe3+ 63.Rf2 Qxc3

[63...Qxe4 64.Rxb5 Qd3 65.Kh2+- *(65.Rb8+ Kh7+-)*]

64.Kg2 Qe3 65.f6 Qxe4+

[65...Bd7!? 66.Rf3□ Qg5+ *(66...Qxe4 67.Rb8+ Kh7 68.Rb7=)* 67.Kf2 Qh4+ 68.Kg2 Qxe4 69.Rb8+ Kh7=]

66.Kh2 Qe3

[66...Qxb1? 67.f7 Kh7 68.f8Q+- *(68.f8B? Qg6-+)*]

67.Rbb2

[67.Rbf1!? Be8□ 68.f7 Bxf7 69.Rxf7=]

67...Kg8

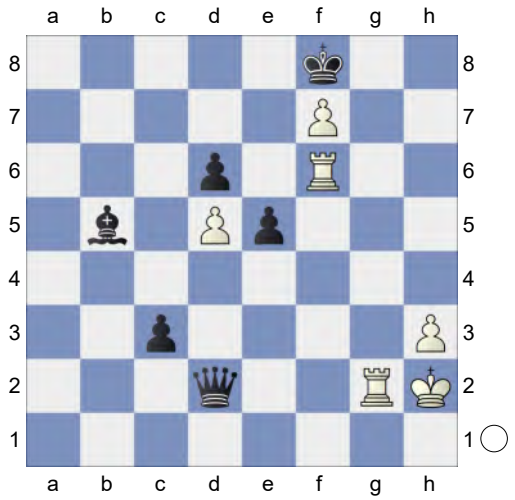
[67...Bd7!? 68.f7□ Qxh3+ 69.Kg1 Qg4+ 70.Kh1 Qd1+ 71.Kg2= Qg4+ *(71...Qxd5+? 72.Kh2+-)* 72.Kf1 Qh3+ *(72...Qd1+ 73.Kg2=)* 73.Kg1=]

68.f7+! Kf8 69.Rf6! aiming for Rg2!.

69...c3 70.Rg2 White threatens Rg8+ and mate.

[70.Rxb5? Qe2+ 71.Kg3 Qxb5-+]

70...Qd2!



Promotion **71.Rff2** Chess con chili.

[71.Rxd6? Kxf7 *(71...Qf4+? 72.Kg1-+)* 72.Rb6 Qxd5 *(72...Qf4+? 73.Kg1-+)* 73.Rf2+ Ke8-+ *(73...Ke7? 74.Rg6-+)*]

71...Qxf2! 72.Rxf2= Endgame KR-KB

72...Bd3 Repels Rc2 **73.Ra2 c2**

[73...Kxf7?! 74.Ra7+ Kf6 75.Rd7±]

74.Ra1 Be4 75.Rc1

[75.Rf1? Bxd5 76.Kg3 *(76.Rc1? Be4-+)* 76...Be6-+ *(76...Bxf7 77.Kf3∓)*]

75...Kxf7 76.h4 Kg6 77.Kg3 Kh5

[77...Bxd5?! 78.Rxc2 Be4 79.Rc7+-]

78.Kf2 Kxh4

[Reject 78...Bxd5?! 79.Rxc2 Be4 80.Rd2±]

79.Ke3 Bxd5 80.Rxc2 Bb3 81.Rc6 d5 82.Rc5 Kg5 83.Kf2 Kf4 84.Rc1 e4 85.Re1 d4 86.Rh1 e3+ 87.Ke2! Bc4+

[87...Ke4!? 88.Rh4+□ Kd5=]

88.Kd1 Kg3 89.Rh8 d3 (→ ...Bb3+) **90.Rd8! Bb3+**

[90...Kf2!? 91.Rf8+□ Kg2∓]

91.Ke1 Bc2 92.Rd6 Kf4 93.Rd4+ Kf3 94.Rd7 Ke4 95.Re7+ Kf3 96.Rd7 Ke4!? 97.Re7+□= Kd4 98.Rd7+ Kc3 (→ ...Ba4) **99.Rc7+ Kb2 100.Rd7∓ Kc3!? 101.Rc7+□= Kd4!? 102.Rd7+□= Kc5!? 103.Rd8 Kc4 104.Rc8+ Kd4 105.Rd8+ Kc3** (→ ...Bb3) **106.Rc8+ Kb2!? 107.Rd8□ Kc3!?= 108.Rc8+□= Kd4!? 109.Rd8+□= Kc4= 110.Rc8+ Kd5 111.Rd8+ Kc5 112.Rd7 Kb4 113.Rd8 Ka3 114.Rd7 Kb3 115.Rd8 Ka2 116.Kf1 Kb2**

[116...d2!? 117.Ke2□ Kb2= *(117...d1R 118.Rxd1 Bxd1+ 119.Kxd1=)*]

117.Ke1 Kb3 118.Rb8+ Ka3 119.Rd8 Kb4 120.Rb8+ Kc5 121.Rc8+ Kb4 122.Rd8 Kb3 123.Rd7 Kc4 124.Rc7+! Kb3 125.Rb7+ Kc4 126.Rc7+ Kd5 127.Rd7+ Kc5 128.Rd8 Kb4 129.Rd7 Ka3 130.Kf1 Kb2 and ...Kc3 should not be overlooked

[130...d2!? 131.Ke2□ d1Q+ *(131...d1R 132.Rxd1 Bxd1+ 133.Kxd1=)* 132.Rxd1 Bxd1+ 133.Kxd1= Kb4=]

131.Ke1 Kb3 132.Rb7+ Ka4 133.Ra7+ Kb4 (→ ...d2+) **134.Rd7 d2+ 135.Rxd2 exd2+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless) **136.Kxd2**

½-½

22 **C52**

□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3105**

■ **BitByByte** **2925**

Rapid 20.11.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 7.Qb3 Qe7** 0.14/19

[Black should play 7...Qf6∓ -0.48/21]

8.0-0= Bb6

[8...Qxe4? 9.Bxf7+ *(9.Re1 Qxe1+*

10.Nxe1 Nge7+-) 9...Kd8 10.Ng5+- *(10.Bxg8 h6+-; 10.Re1 Qxe1+ 11.Nxe1 Nge7+-)*]

9.cxd4 The position is equal. **9...Nxd4**

[9...Qxe4? 10.Re1+- *(10.Bxf7+ Kf8+-)*]

10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Nc3! Nf6 12.Rd1N White has compensation.

[12.Nb5 d5 13.exd5 Bxa1 14.Ba3 Qe5 15.f4 Bd4+ 16.Kh1 Qe3 17.Nxd4 Qxb3 18.Re1+ Kd8 19.Be7+ Kd7 20.Nxb3 c6 21.d6 b6 22.Bxf7 c5 23.Nd2 Kc6 24.Nc4 Bf5 25.Ne5+ Kb7 26.a4 h5 Gaujens,A-Azmaiparshvili,Z X Open Salou ESP 2008 27.Bxf6 gxf6 28.Bd5+ Ka6 29.Bc4+ Kb7 30.Bd5+ Ka6 31.Bc4+ Kb7 ½-½ Pink,J (2701)-Payet,A (2626) San Bernardino op 1989 (8)]

[12.Ba3 d6 13.Rad1 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Qe5 15.Qc1 *(15.Qxe5+ dxe5 16.f4 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.fxe5 Nd7 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Bd6 Kd8 21.Ba3 Ke8 22.Bd6 Kd8 23.Ba3 Ke8 24.Bd6* ½-½ Kovalevskaya,E (2486)-Stefanova,A (2497) EU-Cup (Women) 07th 2002 (4.2)*)* 15...0-0 16.Bb2 Qe7 17.e5 Ne8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.exd6 Nxd6 20.Bb3 Rfe8 21.Rd3 Nf5 22.Rf3 Nh4 23.Rfe3 Nf5 24.Rf3 ½-½ Jirk,J (2383)-Advance Caro-Kann: Short Vari,6 (2451) 154/(201) Istanbul 2022]

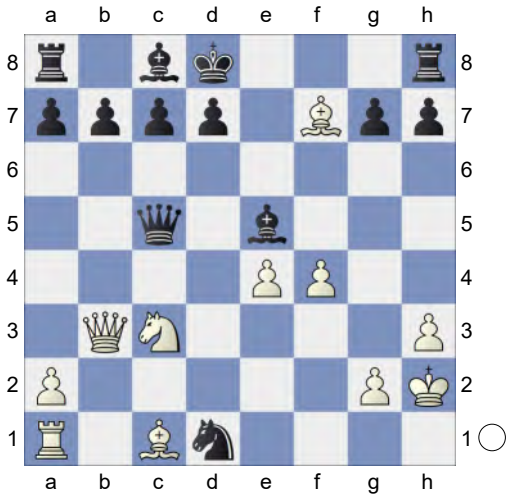
12...Be5 13.f4! Ng4 (→ ...Qc5+) **14.h3!**

[14.fxe5 Qc5+]

[14.Ba3 Qh4 15.fxe5 *(15.Bxf7+? Kd8-+)* 15...Qxh2+ 16.Kf1 Qh1+ *(16...Qxe5 17.Bxf7+ Kd8 18.Nd5±)* 17.Ke2 Qxg2+ 18.Kd3 Nxe5+ 19.Ke3 Qg5+ 20.Kf2 Qf4+ 21.Kg2 Qf3+ 22.Kg1 Qg3+ 23.Kf1 d6-+]

14...Qc5+ 15.Kh1 Active counter play!

15...Nf2+ 16.Kh2 Nxd1 Pin **17.Bxf7+ Kd8!**



18.Nd5 Bd6 ...Rf8! is the strong threat.

[18...Bxa1 19.Ba3± *(19.Qxd1? c6-+)*]

19.e5! c6 0.97/19

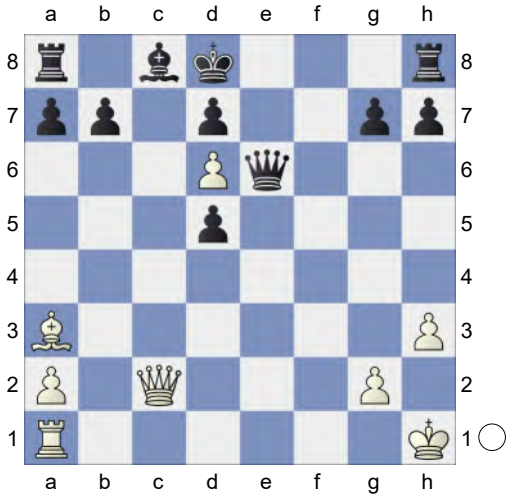
[19...Bf8!= 0.00/21 keeps the balance.]

20.exd6± cxd5 21.Ba3! Chess con chili. **21...Qe3 22.Qxd1→** White has strong attack. **22...Qxf4+**

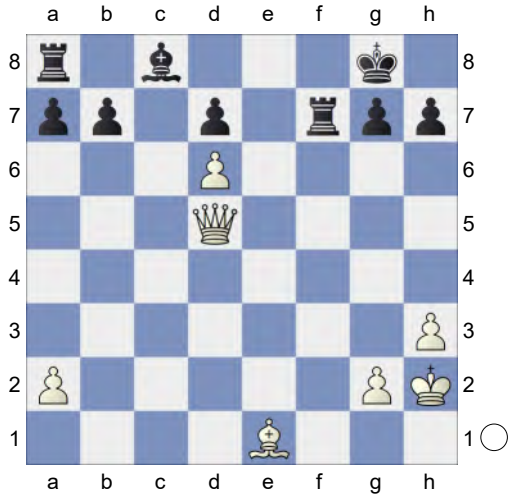
[22...Qxa3? is the wrong capture. 23.Qxd5 Qc3 24.Rc1+-]

23.Kh1 Qxf7 24.Qc2! This costs Black the game. **24...Qe6** 3.22/22

[24...Ke8!± 0.59/23]



Repels Re1 **25.Bb4!+- Qe4 26.Qc7+ Ke8 27.Re1 Qxe1+ 28.Bxe1 Rf8 29.Kh2 Kf7 30.Qa5 Kg8 31.Qxd5+ Rf7**



32.Ba5! Kf8 33.h4 Rb8 34.Bc7 Ra8 35.a4 a5 36.Bb6
[36.Bxa5 Ra6±]
36...Kg8 37.Qc4 and g4 would now be decisive
[37.Bxa5 Ra6±]
37...h5 5.95/23
[⍝37...Kf8 3.73/19 38.g4 Rf6]
38.Qc5 Rf4 39.Qd5+ Rf7 40.Qxh5 Ra6 41.Qc5
[Less strong is 41.Bxa5 b6 42.Bc3 Rxa4=]
41...Rf4 42.Qxc8+ Kh7 43.Qxb7 Rxh4+ 44.Kg3 Rxb6 45.Qxb6 Endgame KQ-KR **45...Rh6 46.Qc7 Rg6+ 47.Kh2 Rh6+ 48.Kg1 Rh4 49.Qxd7 Rd4 50.Qf5+ Kh6 51.d7** White mates. **51...Rd1+ 52.Kf2 Rd2+ 53.Kg3 g5 54.d8Q Rxd8 55.Qf6+ Kh5 56.Qxd8 Kg6 57.Kg4 Kh7 58.Kxg5 Kg7 59.Qe7+ Kh8 60.Kf6 Kg8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.63 **61.Qg7#**
1-0

23 **C52**
□ **M-Z_Bot** **3103**
■ **ArasanX** **3098**
Rapid 03.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+3sec C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Qe7** The position is equal.
[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]
[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]
11.Ba3 f6 12.Bb5+N
[12.Rab1 Bd7 13.Bb4 Rb8 14.a4 Nh6 15.Bd5 c6 16.Ba2 Nf7 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.Nf1 Bc7 19.Ne3 Be6 20.d5 Bd7 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Qd3 Nb7 23.Ba3 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Nc4 Rfd8 26.Qe3 Qxc4 0-1 Zapolskis,A (2257)-Johnson,D (2211) London Mindsports IM 2022 (2)]
12...c6 -0.13/19
[12...Bd7∓ -0.65/20 13.Rab1 Nh6]
13.Bd3= Nh6 14.c4! Nf7 15.c5 dxc5 16.dxc5 Bd8 17.Bb4 Qc7 18.Rab1 Be7 19.h4 White has compensation.

19...0-0 20.Rb2 Be6 21.Rfb1 Rfb8 22.Qc3 Bd8 23.h5 Bg4 24.a4! Bxh5 25.Nh4! b6 26.Ba6 Nb7 27.Ba3 White wants to play Nf5. **27...Qd7 28.Nf5 Bg6 29.Nc4 Bxf5**

[29...Nxc5? 30.Bxc5 Bxf5 31.exf5+-]

30.Rd2 Qe8 0.55/21

[30...Qe6= 0.00/21 31.exf5 Qxf5]

31.exf5± Be7 32.Nd6

[32.cxb6 axb6 33.Bxb7 *(33.Rxb6 Nc5∓)* 33...Rxb7=]

32...Bxd6 33.cxd6 Qd7 34.Bc4 Qxf5 35.Qb3 Qg6 and ...Na5 would now be decisive **36.Qa2! Rd8 37.d7 c5 38.Rbd1 Kf8** 0.40/19

[38...Na5!∓ -0.45/19]

39.a5! f5 0.77/19

[39...bxa5? 40.Be6+-]

[39...Nxa5? 40.Bxc5+ bxc5 41.Qxa5+-]

[39...Ke7!± 0.41/20]

40.Rd3!± Nbd6 0.90/19

[40...bxa5? 41.Bd5 Nfd6 42.Bxb7 Nxb7 43.Qd5+-]

[40...Nxa5 41.Bxc5+ bxc5 42.Qxa5±]

[40...Rab8± 0.43/17 should be considered.]

41.Bb2! Nxc4

[41...Rxd7? 42.axb6 Ng5 43.Bd5+- *(43.Bxe5 Nxc4 44.Rxd7 Nf3+ 45.Kf1 Ncxe5+-)*]

42.Qxc4 f4

[42...bxa5? 43.Qxc5+ *(43.Bxe5 Nxe5 44.Qxc5+ Kg8+-)* 43...Kg8 44.Qd5+- *(44.Qxa5 Qe6±; 44.Bxe5 Nxe5 45.Qxe5 Qg4±)*]

43.f3

[43.Bxe5? Nxe5 44.Qxf4+ Qf6 45.Qxf6+ gxf6-+]

43...h6 1.31/19

[43...bxa5? 44.Bc3+- *(44.Qxc5+ Kg8+-; 44.Bxe5 Nxe5 45.Qxc5+ Kg8±)*]

[43...Rab8!= -0.10/18]

Black is on the road to losing. **44.a6**

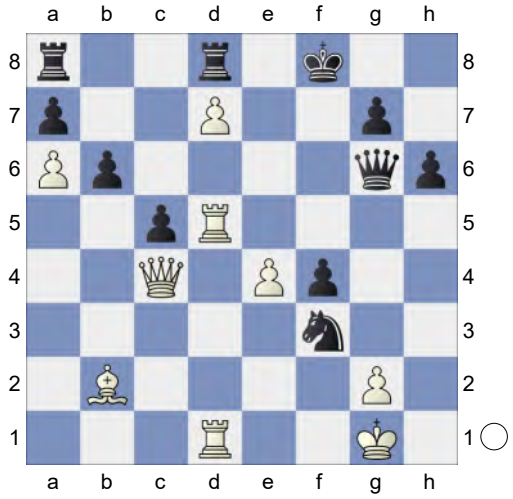
[44.Bxe5? Nxe5 45.Qxf4+ Qf6 46.Qxf6+ gxf6-+]

44...e4 1.78/22

[44...h5± 1.33/18 was called for.]

45.fxe4+- Ng5 46.Rd5! And now Rf5+ would win. **46...Nf3+**

[46...Nxe4 47.Rf1 Qe6 48.Rxf4+ *(48.Re1? Rxd7-+)* 48...Nf6 49.Bxf6 gxf6 50.Qd3+- *(50.Re4 Qf7+-)*]



47.Kf1!

[47.Kh1?! Nh4 48.Qe2 f3 49.gxf3 Qg3]

47...Nh4 2.97/20 Prevents Rf5+ **48.R1d2** Active counter play! **48...f3 49.gxf3 Qg3** Prevents Rh2. **50.R5d3** 2.37/18 Chess con chili.

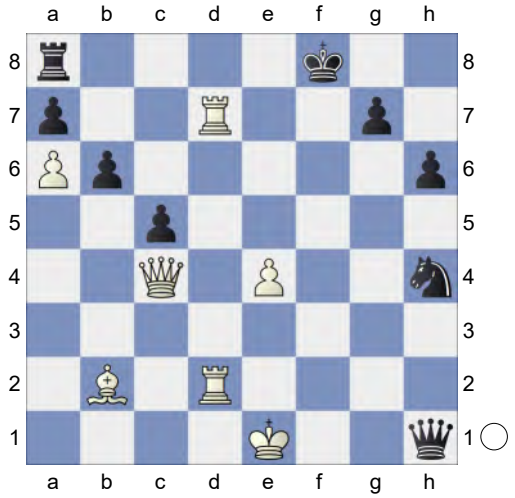
[50.Qc3± 1.32/19 Kg8 *(50...Qxf3+ 51.Rf2* Pin *)* 51.Ke2]

50...Qh3+

[50...Nxf3? loses. 51.Rf2 *(51.Bxg7+ Kxg7 52.Rg2 Qxg2+* Decoy *53.Kxg2 Ne1+ 54.Kh1 Nxd3+-)* 51...Qg1+ 52.Ke2 Qe1+ 53.Kxf3+-]

51.Ke2 Rxd7 52.Rxd7 Qxf3+ 53.Ke1 Qh1+

(Diagram)



54.Qf1+! Nf3+ 55.Ke2 Qxf1+ 56.Kxf1 Nxd2+ 57.Rxd2 Endgame KRB-KR **57...Ke7** Prevents Rd7+

[57...Re8]

58.Bxg7 h5 59.Kf2 b5 60.Rd5 Rg8 61.Be5 White is clearly winning. **61...Rg6 62.Rxc5 Rxa6 63.Rxb5 Ra4 64.Kf3 Ke6 65.Bf4 Ra3+ 66.Be3 h4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.23 (precise) **67.Rh5 1-0**

24 **C51**
□ **ProteusSF-Turbo** **3102**
■ **admete_bot** **2409**
Rapid 15.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C51: Evans Gambit: Declined and Accepted without 5...Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Be7 6.d4 Na5 7.Bd3 d6 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Nf6** The position is equal. **10.Qc2 Ng4N**

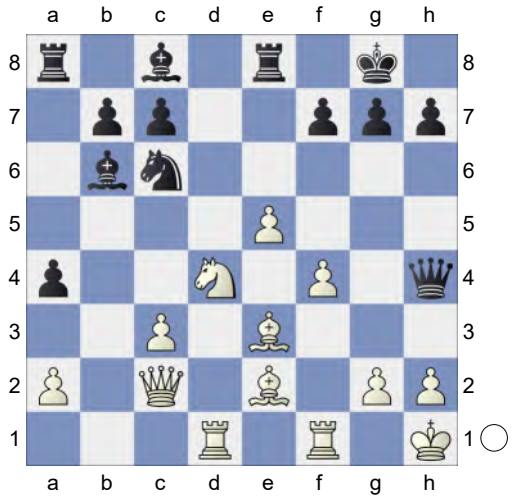
[10...0-0 11.0-0 c5 *(11...Qd6 12.Nf3 Rd8 13.Be2 Qc6 14.Nbd2 Be6 15.e5 Nd5 16.Ne4 Nb4 17.Qb1 Bxa2 18.Rxa2 Nxa2 19.Bg5 Nxc3 20.Nxc3 Bxg5 21.Nxg5 Qg6 22.Nce4 h6 23.Nf3 Nc6 24.Bc4 Nd4 25.Nf6+ Kh8 26.Qxg6* ½-½ Gonzalez, J (2619)-Rognon,R (2641) II 107/255 Lubbock 2009 (3)*)* 12.f4 b6 13.Nd2 Bb7 14.c4 Qd4+ 15.Kh1 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 Bxe4 17.Bxe4 Qxa1 18.Bxh7+ Kh8 19.Be4 Rad8 20.Qe2 Rd6 21.Bb2 Qxa2 22.Qh5+ Rh6 23.Qxh6+ gxh6 24.Nxf7+ Kg8 25.Nxh6# 1-0 Mestek,I (2060)-Apaar, S (2183) Nova Gorica op 29th 2025 (5)]

11.Nf3 Nc6 12.0-0 Nge5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Be2 0-0 15.Nd2 Bd6 16.Nb3 Nc6 17.f4 White now steadily converts the win. **17...a5 18.Be3 Re8** 1.32/17

[⌓18...f6 0.87/19]

19.e5± a4 20.Nd4 Bc5 21.Rad1 White has more active pieces. **21...Qh4 22.Kh1 Bb6** 2.25/16

[22...g6± 1.35/18 23.Bb5 Bg4]

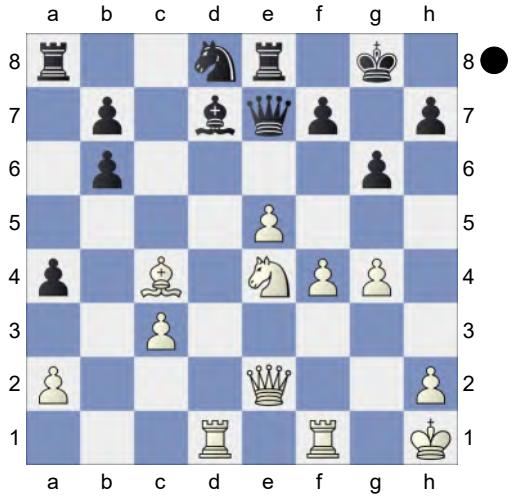


23.Nf3!+- Qe7 24.Bxb6 cxb6 25.Ng5 g6 26.Bc4 Bf5 27.Qe2

[27.Bxf7+ Qxf7 28.Qe2 Qe7-+]

27...Nd8 28.g4 Bd7 29.Ne4

(Diagram)



Kh8 30.Bd5 Qh4 Black is weak on the dark squares **31.Rg1**

[31.Nf6? Qxf6 32.Bxb7 Nxb7-+]

31...Bc6 32.Qe3

[32.Nd6 Re7 33.Qe3 *(33.f5 Bxd5+ 34.Rxd5 Nc6+-)* 33...f6±]

32...Bxd5 33.Rxd5 and Rg3! should not be overlooked **33...a3?** 4.96/18

[33...Ne6 2.89/17 was worth a try. 34.Rd6 *(34.Qxb6 Nxf4 35.Rd7 Rxe5±)* 34...b5]

34.Rg3

[Not 34.Qxb6 Ne6 35.Qe3 *(35.Qxb7 Qh3=)* 35...Ra4+-]

34...Re6 35.f5 gxf5 36.gxf5 Rh6 37.Rd2 Ne6 38.fxe6 Rxe6 39.Ng5 Rg6 40.Nxf7+ Kg7 41.Rxg6+ hxg6 42.Rd7 Re8 43.e6 Re7 44.Ng5 Qa4 45.Rxe7+ White mates. **45...Kf8 46.Rf7+ Ke8 47.Qf3 Qb5 48.Rf8+ Ke7 49.Qf6+ Kd6 50.Nf7+ Kc6 51.Rc8+ Kd5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.79 **52.Qe5#**

1-0

25 **C51**

□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3101**

■ **Cheng-4** **2765**

Rapid 27.11.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min C51: Evans Gambit: Declined and Accepted without 5...Ba5 Lukacs: 'LesEchecs.com: 'C50: Partie italienne (gambit Evans refusé) " **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Bd6 6.d4** White has compensation. **6...Nf6 7.0-0 0-0**

[7...Nxe4?! 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Nxe5 Bxe5 10.Qd5±]

8.Re1 h6 White is slightly better. **9.Nbd2 Re8 10.Qb3**

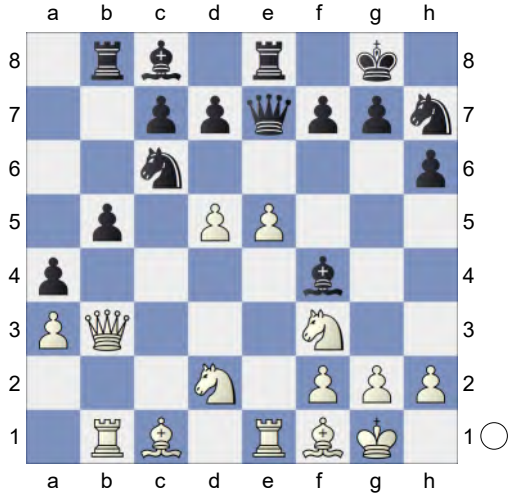
[10.Bb3 b5 11.a4 b4 12.Nc4 bxc3 13.dxe5 Bxe5 14.Nfxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Rxe5 16.Bf4 Re7 17.e5 Ne8 18.Qd3 d5 19.Qxc3 Bf5 20.Rad1 Rd7 21.a5 c6 22.Qxc6 Rc8 23.Qa4 Nc7 24.Be3 Ne6 ½-½ Pink,J (2712)-Strick,E (2690) 28/526 Praha 1979 (7)]

10...Qe7 11.Bd3 Rb8N

[11...Na5 12.Qa4 *(12.Qc2 b6 13.Rb1 Bb7)* 12...b6 13.Nf1 Bb7 14.Ng3 Qf8 15.dxe5 Bxe5 16.Nxe5 Rxe5 17.f4 Ree8 18.e5 d6 19.Ba3 Bc6 20.Qd1 Nd7 21.Qg4 Nb7 22.Nf5 Kh8 23.Re3 Nbc5 24.Rae1 Nxd3 25.Rxd3 Re6 26.Qh4 ½-½ Felicio,C (2297)-Tsenkov,L (2374) LSS WC-2013-S-00013 2010 Rg6 27.Rd2 Re8 28.exd6 cxd6 29.Ne7 Rg4 30.Qxg4 Rxe7 31.Rxe7 Qxe7 32.Qe2 Qf6 33.Rxd6 1-0 Felgaer,R (2593)-Harikrishna,P (2646) Dos Hermanas-A 2005 (4)]

12.Rb1 White is more active. **12...b5** Prevents Nc4. **13.Qd1!** White now steadily converts the win. **13...exd4**

1.23/19
[13...Ba6± 0.58/17]
14.cxd4± Nb4 15.Bf1 Bf4
[15...Nxa2?! 16.Qb3 Nxc1 17.Rbxc1±]
16.Qb3 a5 17.a3 Wards off c5 **17...Nc6** 1.71/18
[17...Na6± 1.30/18]
18.e5+-
[18.Bxb5 Na7 19.Qa4 Nxb5 20.Rxb5 Rxb5 21.Qxb5 Qd8±]
18...Nh7
[18...Bxd2? 19.exf6 *(19.Bxd2 Ng4+-)* 19...Qxe1 20.Nxe1 Bxe1 21.Qg3+- *(21.Bxb5 Nxd4 22.Qc4 Bc3±)*]
19.d5!
[19.Bxb5?! Bxd2 20.Bxd2 Na7±]
19...a4
[19...Nxe5 20.g3±]



20.Qc2 Nxe5

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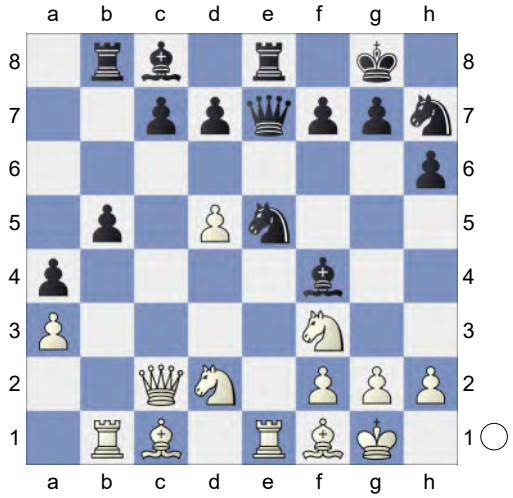
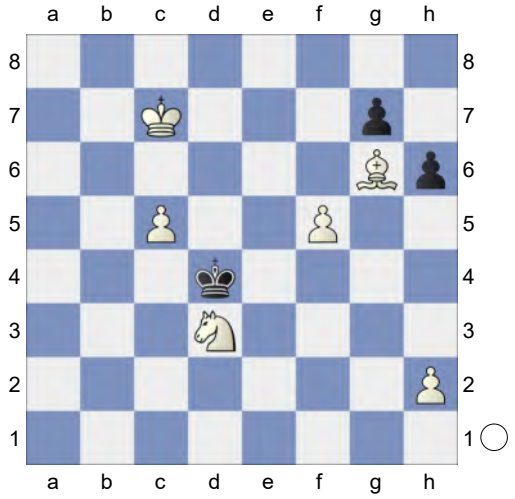


21.g3! Ng5 22.Nxg5 Bxg5 2.00/18
[22...hxg5 1.62/18 23.Bb2 *(23.gxf4 gxf4 24.Kh1 Bb7±)* 23...d6 *(23...Bxd2? 24.Rxe5 Qd8 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.Qxd2+-)*]
23.f4
[23.Bxb5? Bxd2 24.Bxd2 Rxb5 *(24...Qxa3? 25.Rxe5* Decoy *Rxe5 26.Qxc7+-; 24...Nf3+? 25.Kg2-+)* 25.Rxb5 Nf3+ *(25...Qxa3? 26.Re3±)* 26.Kh1 Nxe1-+]
23...Qd6 24.fxe5
[24.fxg5?! hxg5 25.Rb4 *(25.Bxb5 Qxd5∓)* 25...Bb7 26.Rxb5 *(26.Bxb5 Qxd5 27.Ree4 c5-+)* 26...Bxd5±]
24...Qxd5 25.Ne4
[25.Qxc7? Qd4+ *(25...Bxd2 26.Bxd2 Bb7 27.Re3∓)* 26.Kh1 Bb7+ *(26...Bxd2? 27.Bb2∓)* 27.Bg2 Qf2-+ *(27...Bxd2? 28.Bxd2 Bxg2+ 29.Kxg2-+)*]
25...Bxc1 26.Qxc1
[26.Rexc1 Bb7 27.e6 *(27.Rxb5? Qxe4 28.Qxe4 Bxe4∓)* 27...Qxe4∓]
26...Qd4+ 27.Nf2 c6 28.Qf4 Qxf4 29.gxf4 Re6 Black is weak on the dark squares **30.Ne4**
[30.f5 Re8 31.Bh3 b4±]
30...Rg6+ 31.Kf2 d5 32.exd6 Black must now prevent Rbd1. **32...Bf5**

33.Rbd1 Rd8 34.Ng3 Bd7 35.f5 Rg4 36.Re7 Kf8 37.Be2 Rf4+ 38.Ke3 Rh4 39.Bh5 Re8 5.00/19
[39...Be8 3.42/17 is a better defense. 40.Rc7 Bd7]
40.Rd4
[Not 40.Bxf7 Rxe7+ 41.dxe7+ Kxe7±]
40...Rxd4 41.Rxe8+
[Less strong is 41.Kxd4 Rxe7 42.dxe7+ Kxe7+-]
41...Kxe8 42.Kxd4 b4 43.axb4 Bc8 44.Kc3 Bd7 45.Kb2 Bc8 46.Ka3 Ba6 47.Ne4 Kd8 48.Nc5 Bd3 49.Nxd3 Kd7 50.Bxf7 Kxd6 51.Kxa4 Ke7 52.Bg6 Kd7 53.Ka5 Kd6 54.Kb6 Kd5 55.Kc7 c5 56.bxc5 Kd4



57.Kb6! White wants to mate with c6!.
57...h5
[57...Ke3 58.c6]

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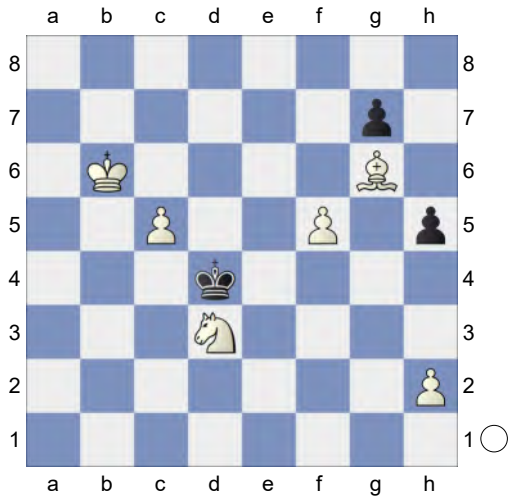


58.c6! White mates. **58...Kc4**
[58...Ke3 59.c7]
59.f6 gxf6 60.c7 f5 61.Bxf5 Kc3 62.c8Q+ Kd2 63.Qc1+ Ke2 64.Qc2+ Kf1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.45 **65.Qf2#**
1-0

26 **C52**
□ **M-Z_Bot** **3100**
■ **mayhem23111** **3111**
Rapid 30.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 Illingworth, Max: 'If Kramnik's 9.a3 novelty puts you off 3...Nf6 and 3...e5 also doesn't appeal to you, I'll recommend the following exchange sacrifice as a dangerous, dynamic weapon. It still hasn't been seen in a lot of games and strong players are still being caught out.' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Ne7** Black has an edge.
[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6

18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]

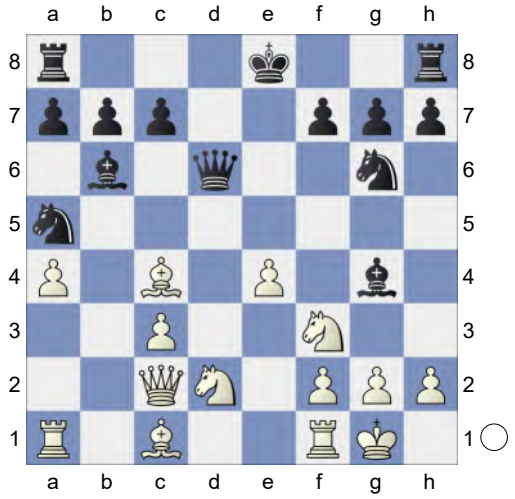
11.dxe5 The position is equal. **11...Ng6**

[11...0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 b6 26.Nc4 0-1 Adhiban,B (2630)-Nakamura,H (2776) 123/125 Gibraltar 2015]

12.exd6 Qxd6 13.a4N

[13.e5 Qc6 14.Bd3 Nf4 15.Be4 Qxc3 16.Qb1 Bg4 17.Bb2 Qb4 18.Qc2 0-0-0 19.a3 Qe7 20.Bf5+ Bxf5 21.Qxf5+ Ne6 22.Rac1 Rd7 23.Nc4 Nxc4 24.Rxc4 g6 25.Qh3 h5 26.Nd4 Bxd4 27.Bxd4 Kb8 0-1 Rangeet,M (1512)-Lalith,B (2544) New Delhi op 20th 2023 (2) 28.Bb2 Rhd8 29.Qb3 Rd3 30.Qc2 Qd7 31.h4 Qd5 32.Rc1 Rd2 33.Qb3 Nf4 0-1 Saleh,N (1512)-Sadvakasov,D (2544) Zalaegerszeg 2004 (2)]

13...Bg4



14.Nd4 0-0 15.h3 Bd7 16.Bb5 Rfd8

[16...Rad8 keeps more tension. 17.Nc4 Nxc4 18.Bxc4 Nh4]

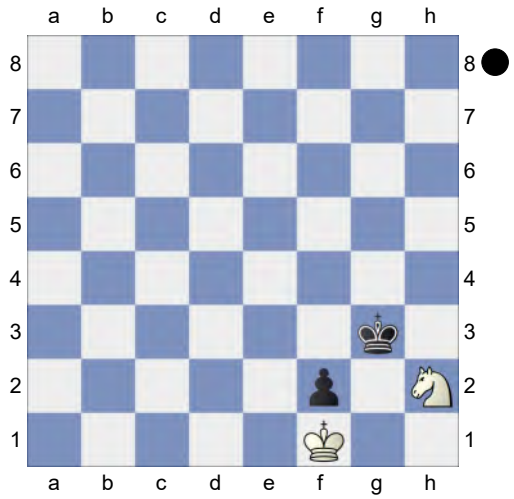
17.N2f3 Prevents Nh4 **17...Bxb5 18.axb5 Nc4 19.Kh1 Qc5 20.Ra4 a6! 21.Qa2**

[21.bxa6 simplifies Rxa6 22.Rb4 Nce5 23.Nxe5 Nxe5 24.Rd1]

21...Nce5 22.Ng5 Qxc3 23.Ne2 Qc5 24.f4 Chess con chili.

[24.bxa6? perishes. Rxa6 25.Rxa6 bxa6-+]

24...h6! 25.fxe5 hxg5 26.Bxg5 Rf8 27.Rf5⇄ aiming for e6. White is not keeping still **27...Nxe5 28.Bf4 Rae8 29.bxa6 bxa6 30.Qa1 f6** ...g6 is the strong threat. **31.Qa2+ Rf7 32.Bxe5 Rxe5 33.Rxa6 Qe7 34.Rxe5 fxe5 35.Ra8+ Kh7 36.Kh2 Rf8 37.Rxf8 Qxf8=** Endgame KQB-KQN **38.Qe6 Qf2 39.Qf5+ Qxf5 40.exf5** KB-KN **40...Kh6 41.g4 c5 42.Kg3 c4 43.h4 Bd8 44.g5+ Bxg5 45.hxg5+ Kxg5** KN-K3P **46.f6 gxf6 47.Kf3 c3 48.Nxc3 e4+ 49.Nxe4+** KN-KP **49...Kh4 50.Ke2 f5 51.Nd2 f4 52.Ke1 f3 53.Kf1 f2 54.Nf3+ Kg3 55.Nh2**



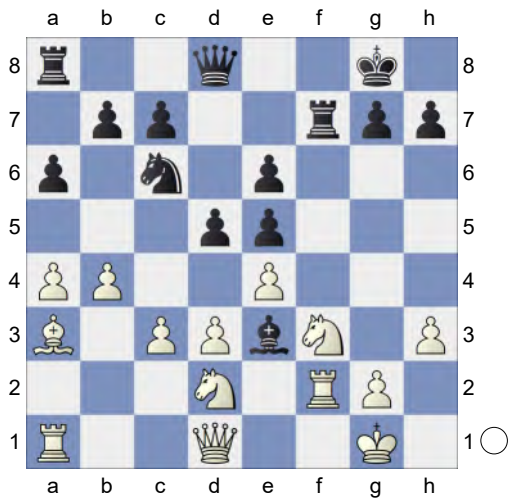
Deflection **55...Kxh2** A balanced but interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.

01 (flawless) **56.Kxf2**
½-½

27 **C51**
□ **ProteusSF-Turbo** **3099**
■ **admete_bot** **2411**
Rapid 14.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bb6 5.a4 a6 6.d3 Nf6 7.c3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 Be6N**
[9...Ne7 10.a5 Ba7 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.Rxe3 Ng6 13.d4 Bd7 14.Qb3 Ng4 15.Re1 Kh8 16.h3 Nh6 17.Nbd2 Qf6 18.Re3 Nf4 19.Nf1 g5 20.dxe5 dxe5 21.Rd1 Bxh3 22.gxh3 Nxh3+ 23.Kg2 g4 24.Ng3 0-1 Leconte,J-Miles,E Jugoslavija 76/203 1999]
[9...h6 10.h3 Ne7 11.d4 exd4 12.a5 Ba7 13.cxd4 d5 14.e5 Ne4 15.Bd3 Bf5 16.Na3 f6 17.exf6 Rxf6 18.Be3 c6 19.g4 Nc3 20.Qc2 Bxd3 21.Qxc3 Rxf3 22.Qxd3 Qd6 0-1 Bacrot,E (2594)-Almasi,Z (2676) Szeged m 2000 (3)]
10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Nbd2
[11.Be3 simplifies Bxe3 12.Rxe3 Qe8 13.Nbd2]
11...Ng4 White is slightly better. **12.Re2 d5** 1.34/20
[12...h6± 0.49/19]
13.Ba3 Rf7 1.71/18
[13...Ne7± 1.18/18]
14.h3+- Nxf2 15.Rxf2 Be3

(Diagram)



16.Qe2! Bxf2+ 17.Kxf2 dxe4 2.59/21
[17...Ne7 1.85/16 was called for. 18.Kg1 Ng6]
18.Qxe4
[18.Nxe4 Nd4 19.Qd1 *(19.cxd4 Qxd4+ 20.Kg3 Qxa1=)* 19...Qh4+ *(19...Nxf3 20.gxf3 Rf5 21.Ke2+-)* 20.g3 Qxh3 21.cxd4 Rxf3+ 22.Qxf3 Rf8= *(22...exd4? 23.Rh1+-)*]
18...Qd5 19.c4 Qxe4 20.Nxe4
[20.dxe4?! Rd8+-]
20...Rd8 21.Rd1 Nd4 22.Bb2 Nxf3 23.gxf3 Rdf8 24.Nd2
[Don't play 24.Bxe5 Rxf3+ 25.Ke2 Rxh3 26.Bxc7 Rh5+-]
24...Rd7 25.Ke2
[Less strong is 25.Bxe5 Rxd3 26.Ke2 *(26.Bxc7 Rf7±)* 26...Ra3+-]
25...Rf5 26.Rg1 Rdf7 27.Rg3 b6 28.Ne4 g6 29.Bc3 Rf8 30.Ng5 Re8 31.Rg1 Re7 32.h4 Re8 33.a5 bxa5 34.bxa5 Rf4 35.Bxe5 Rxh4 36.Bxc7 e5 37.Ke3 Kg7 38.Ne4 Rh2 39.Rb1 Ra2 40.Rb7 Re7 41.Bxe5+ Kf7 42.Ng5+ Ke8 43.Rb8+ Kd7 44.Rb7+ Ke8 45.Rb8+ Kd7 46.f4 Rxa5 47.Ke4 h6 48.Rb7+ Ke8 49.Rb8+ Kd7

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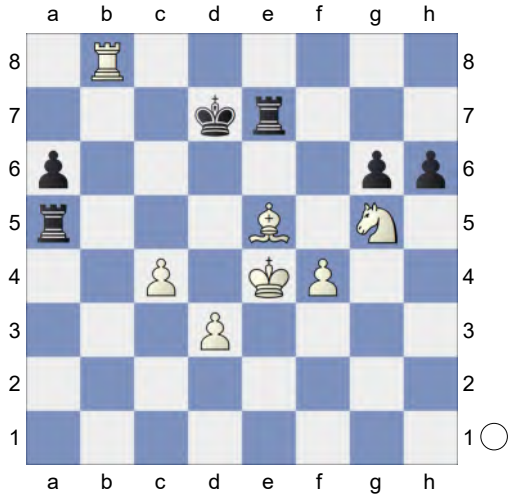
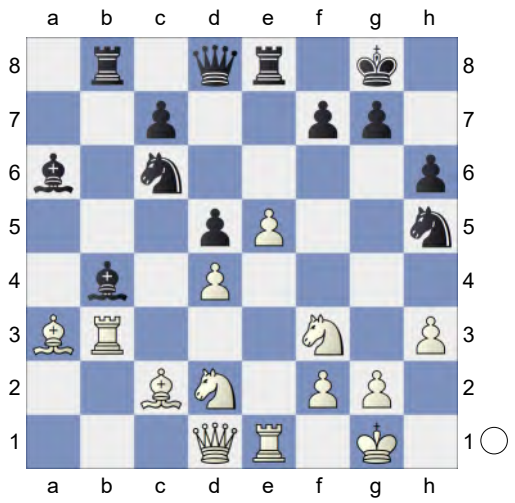


50.Nh7 Kc6
[50...Ke6 51.Nf6]
51.Nf6 Ra1 52.Nd5 Rb7 53.Rf8 Re1+ 54.Kd4 h5 55.Rf6+ Skewer, Double Attack **55...Kd7 56.Rxg6 Rbb1 57.Rg7+ Kd8 58.Kc5** Kc6 would kill now. **58...Rg1 59.Rh7 Rb3 60.f5** White mates. **60...Ke8 61.Bd6 Rg8 62.Kc6 Rb6+ 63.Kxb6 Rf8 64.Re7+ Kd8 65.Kb7 Rxf5** Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.35 **66.Bc7#**
1-0

28 **C51**
□ **ProteusSF-lite** **3098**
■ **admete_bot** **2354**
Rapid 21.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

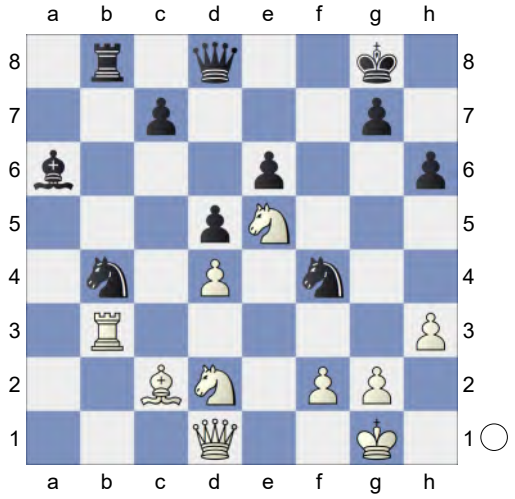
C51: Evans Gambit: Declined and Accepted without 5...Ba5 Sokolov,I: 'Inf 91/283' Lukacs: 'LesEchecs.com: 'C50: Partie italienne (gambit Evans refusé) "
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Bd6 6.0-0 White has compensation. **6...Nf6 7.d4! 0-0**
[7...Nxe4 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Re1 Nxc4 10.Rxe4+ Be7 11.Rxc4±]
8.Re1 White is slightly better. **8...h6 9.Nbd2 Re8 10.Qb3**
[10.Bb3 b5 11.a4 b4 12.Nc4 bxc3 13.dxe5 Bxe5 14.Nfxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Rxe5 16.Bf4 Re7 17.e5 Ne8 18.Qd3 d5 19.Qxc3 Bf5 20.Rad1 Rd7 21.a5 c6 22.Qxc6 Rc8 23.Qa4 Nc7 24.Be3 Ne6 ½-½ Short,N (2712)-Sokolov,I (2690) Sarajevo Bosnia 34th 2004 (7)]
10...Qe7 11.Bd3 Rb8N
[11...Na5 12.Qc2 *(12.Qa4 b6 13.Nf1 Bb7 14.Ng3 Qf8 15.dxe5 Bxe5 16.Nxe5 Rxe5 17.f4 Ree8 18.e5 d6 19.Ba3 Bc6 20.Qd1 Nd7 21.Qg4 Nb7 22.Nf5 Kh8 23.Re3 Nbc5 24.Rae1 Nxd3 25.Rxd3 Re6 26.Qh4 Rg6* 1-0 Felgaer,R (2593)-Harikrishna,P (2646) Dos Hermanas-A 2005 (4) *)* 12...b6 13.Rb1 Bb7]
[11...b6 12.Nc4 #4 1) Evans Gambit-Evans Gambit: 4...Bxb4]
12.Rb1 b5 Prevents Nc4. **13.Qd1 a6 14.a4 Qd8 15.axb5 axb5 16.Rxb5 Ra8** White must now prevent ...Ba6. **17.Rb3 Ba6 18.Bc2 Rb8 19.h3 exd4 20.cxd4 Bb4 21.Ba3 d5 22.e5**
[22.Bxb4 simplifies Nxb4 23.e5 Nxc2 24.Rxb8 Qxb8 25.Qxc2 Nh7 26.Nb3]
22...Nh5 2.02/20
[22...Bxd2± 0.86/21 23.Rxb8 *(23.Qxd2 Ne4±)* 23...Qxb8 24.Qxd2 Ne4 Decoy 25.Bxe4 dxe4 26.Rxe4 Qb1+ 27.Re1 Qb3]

(Diagram)



23.e6!+- Rxe6 24.Rxe6 fxe6 25.Bxb4 Nxb4 26.Ne5 Loses the game. **26...Nf4** 3.52/20

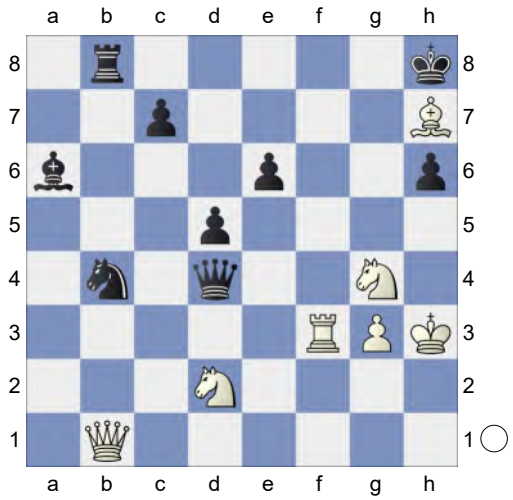
[26...Nf6± 1.33/19 was called for.]



27.Qb1! Qf8 28.Bh7+ Kh8 29.g3 Nxh3+ 30.Kg2 Qxf2+ 31.Kxh3 g5 32.Rf3 Intending Nf7+ and mate.

[Less strong is 32.Rxb4 Rxb4 33.Qxb4 Bf1+ 34.Kg4 Be2+ 35.Nef3 *(35.Ndf3 Bxf3+ 36.Nxf3 h5+ 37.Kxg5 Qxg3+ 38.Kh6 Qg7+ 39.Kxh5 Qxh7+ 40.Kg4 Qf5+ 41.Kg3 Qg6+ 42.Kf2 Qc2+ 43.Nd2 Kg8+-)* 35...h5+ 36.Kxg5 Qxg3+ 37.Kf6 Bxf3±]

32...g4+ 33.Nxg4 Excellent horsemanship. **33...Qxd4**



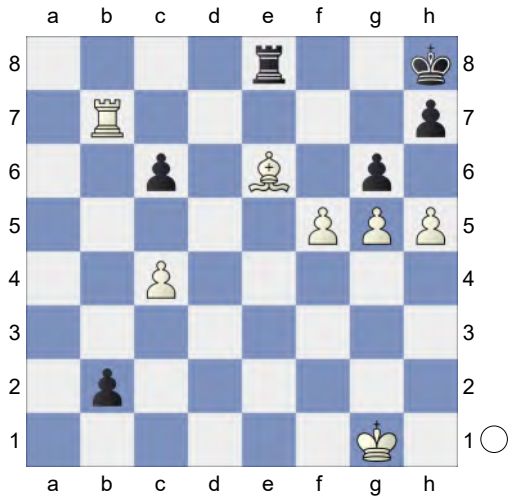
34.Nxh6! Bd3 35.Bxd3 Qg7 Repels Bh7 **36.Ng4 e5 37.Rf5** and Rh5+ should not be overlooked **37...Rb6 38.Rh5+ Kg8 39.Bh7+ Kf7 40.Nf3 Nc6 41.Qa2 Ke7 42.Qa3+ Kd8 43.Bf5 Nd4 44.Nxd4 exd4 45.Qa8+ Ke7 46.Qxd5 Rd6 47.Qb7** White mates. **47...Ke8 48.Qc8+ Rd8 49.Qe6+ Kf8 50.Bg6 Qxg6 51.Qxg6 d3 52.Qf6+ Ke8 53.Rh8+ Kd7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.69 **54.Rxd8#**
1-0

29 **C52**
□ **ProteusSF-Open** **3096**
■ **admete_bot** **2313**
Rapid 24.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

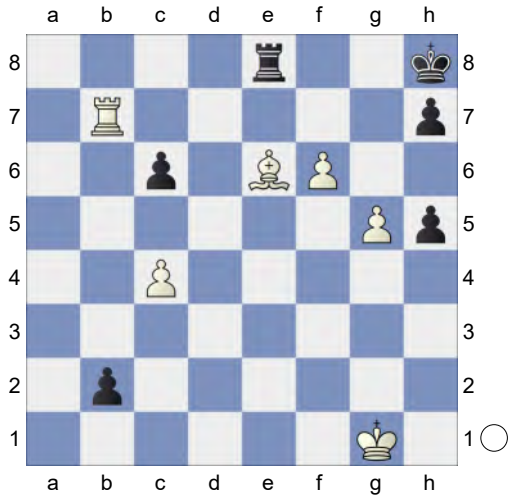
C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5
Nouveau coup d'œil sur le Gambit Evans
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 7.Qb3 Qe7 8.0-0 Bb6

[8...Qxe4? 9.Bxf7+ *(9.Re1 Qxe1+ 10.Nxe1 Nge7+-)* 9...Kd8 10.Re1+- *(10.Bxg8 h6+-)*]

9.cxd4 The position is equal. **9...Nxd4**
[9...Qxe4? 10.Re1+- *(10.Bxf7+ Kf8+-)*]
10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Nc3! Nf6 12.Ba3 d6 13.Rad1! Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Qe5
[14...Nxe4?! 15.Qb2± *(15.Qxg7 Qf8+-)*]
15.Qc1 White has compensation.
[15.Qxe5+ dxe5 16.f4 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.fxe5 Nd7 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Bd6 Kd8 21.Ba3 Ke8 22.Bd6 Kd8 23.Ba3 Ke8 24.Bd6 ½-½ Dimitrijevic,N (2486)-Hedman,J (2497) (open) 89/249 2003 (4.2)]
15...Ng4N
[15...Nxe4? 16.f3+-]
[15...0-0 16.Bb2 Qe7 17.e5 Ne8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.exd6 Nxd6 20.Qc3 *(20.Bb3 Rfe8 21.Rd3 Nf5 22.Rf3 Nh4 23.Rfe3 Nf5 24.Rf3* ½-½ Jirk,J (2383)-Advance Caro-Kann: Short Vari,6 (2451) 154/(201) Istanbul 2022 *)* 20...Qf6 21.Qc1 Qh4 22.Qc3 Ne8 23.Bd5 Rb8 24.Rd3 Rd8 25.Rg3 Qxg3 26.hxg3 Rxd5 27.Ba3 Nd6 28.Qxc7 Nb5 29.Qe7 Rfd8 30.Bb2 1-0 Yvinec,J (2349)-Pavoni,F (2310) corr W-32ch prel09 2008]
16.f4 Qa5! 17.Rf3 0-0
[17...Qb6+ 18.Kh1=]
18.Bb2 Be6 aiming for ...Qc5+. **19.Be2** A strong pair of Bishops. **19...f5**
[19...Bxa2? 20.Rg3+-]
20.exf5 Bxf5 21.Rb3→ and Rb5 would now be decisive. White is up to no good.
21...Qc5+
[21...Qxa2? perishes. 22.Qxc7+-]
22.Qxc5 dxc5 23.h3 White is more active. This costs Black the game.
23...Be6 2.74/19 Against Bc4
[23...Nf6± 0.75/21 was worth a try.]
24.Bxg4+- Bxb3 25.axb3 Rad8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Rf1 c6 28.f5 Rfe8 29.Be5 Re7 30.g4 a5 31.g5 b5 32.h4 Ree8 33.h5 Rd5 34.Re1 Rxe5 35.Rxe5 Endgame KRB-KR **35...c4 36.bxc4 b4 37.Rxa5 b3 38.Ra7 b2 39.Rb7** Wards off Rb8 **39...g6**



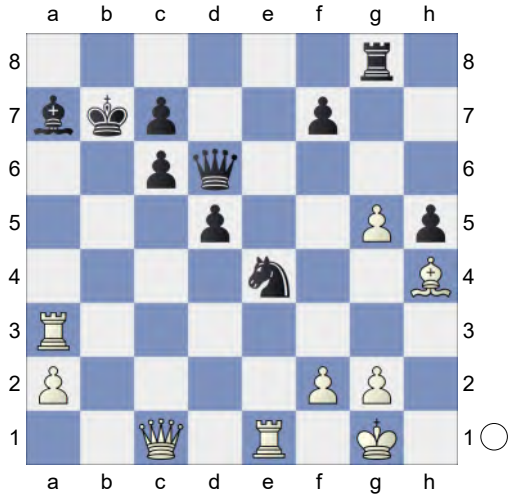
40.f6! Rxb2! would kill now. **40...gxh5**
[40...Rd8 41.hxg6]



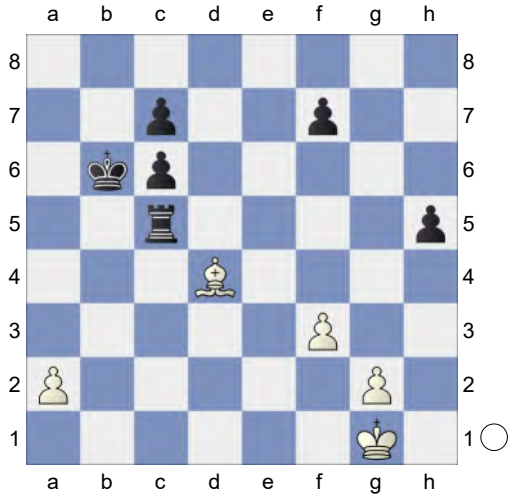
41.Kh2! 15.22/21 **Ra8**
[41...Rf8 42.Rxb2]
42.Kh3 White mates. **42...Rg8 43.Rxb2 c5 44.Kh4 h6 45.Bxg8 hxg5+ 46.Kxh5 g4 47.Be6 Kh7 48.Rb8 g3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.84 **49.Bf5#**
1-0

30 **C54**
□ **LeelaMultiPoss** **3095**
■ **expositor** **2654**
Blitz 02.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3**
[6.h3 a5 7.Nc3 h6 8.Be3 0-0 9.d4 Bb4 10.d5 Ne7 11.Bd3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Ng6 13.Kh2 Nh7 14.Nd2 Qh4 15.Qe1 f5 16.f3 Qe7 17.exf5 Bxf5 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Ne4 b6 20.c4 Rff8 Jumabayev,R (2590)-Nogerbek,K (2493) Almaty 2023 ½-½ (32)]
6...a5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Qe7N
The position is equal.
[8...Ba7 9.a4 g5 10.Bg3 Ne7 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Ng6 13.d4 Nh5 14.dxe5 Nxg3 15.hxg3 dxe5 16.Rad1 g4 17.Nh2 Qg5 18.Rfe1 Kg7 19.Re2 h5 20.Ndf1 h4 21.Rd3 hxg3 22.Rxg3 Nf4 23.Nxg4 Boskovic,M (2688)-Kennaugh,C (2720) London 2022 EXP 49 [Gauglitz, Gernot] 0-1 (34) Bxg4 24.Ne3 Bxe3 25.Rexe3 Ng6 26.Be2 Be6 27.Qb5 Qf4 28.Qc5 Rh8 29.Qxc7 Rh6 30.Bf3 Rc8 31.Qxa5 Rch8 32.Kf1 Rh1+ 33.Ke2 Bc4+ 34.Kd2 Rf1 0-1 (34) Abdusattorov,N (2688)-Harikrishna,P (2720) Chennai 2022 CBM 210 [Harikrishna, Pentala]]
9.Nbd2 Ba7 10.Bb5 g5 11.Bg3 Bd7 12.d4 h5 13.h4
[Stronger than 13.Nxg5 h4 14.Bxh4 *(14.Bxc6? Bxc6 15.Bf4 exf4-+)* 14...Rxh4-+]
13...0-0-0 14.Nxg5 Rdg8 15.Nc4
&Bianco is more active. **15...Rxg5** 1.17/21 **16.hxg5± Nxe4 17.Bh4 exd4 18.Re1** Black must now prevent Bxc6.
18...dxc3 19.Bxc6 Bxc6 20.Nxa5
[But not 20.bxc3?! Qd7 21.Ne3 Nxc3=]
20...cxb2 21.Rb1 d5
[21...Qe5? 22.Nxc6 bxc6 23.Qa4]
22.Rxb2 Qe5 1.67/21
[22...Qe6± 1.04/20]
23.Qc1+- Rg8 2.72/21
[⌓23...Kd7 1.74/20]
24.Nxc6 Chess con chili. **24...bxc6 25.Rb3 Qd6 26.Ra3! Kb7**



27.Rxa7+ Kxa7 28.f3 Qc5+ 29.Qxc5+ Remove Defender **29...Nxc5** Endgame KRB-KRN **30.Bf2 d4** 4.67/21
[⌓30...Ka6 2.93/21]
31.Bxd4 Rxg5 32.Rc1 Kb6 33.Rxc5 Rxc5



KR-KB **34.a4 Ka5** 6.54/25
[⌓34...f5 4.28/28 35.Kf1 Ka5 36.Bxc5 Kxa4]
35.Bxc5 Kxa4 KB-KP **36.Kf2 Kb5 37.Be7 c5 38.Ke3 Kc6 39.Ke4 Kb6 40.Kd5 c6+ 41.Kc4** 15.70/31
[⌓41.Ke4 10.16/24 Kb5 42.Ke5]
41...Kc7 42.g4 Kd7 43.Bh4 hxg4 44.fxg4 KB-K3P **44...Ke6 45.Bg3 f5 46.g5 Kf7 47.Kxc5** KB-KPP **47...Kg6 48.Bf4 Kh5 49.Kxc6** KB-KP **49...Kg6 50.Kd6 Kh5 51.Ke5 Kg6 52.Ke6 Kh5 53.Kxf5** Intending g6 and mate. **53...Kh4 54.g6** White wants to mate with g7. **54...Kh3 55.Ke4** 12.82/5
[⌓55.g7 #6/14 Kg2 56.g8Q+ Kf3 57.Qg4+ Kf2 58.Qd1 Kg2 59.Qe1 Kh3 60.Qh1#]
55...Kg2 56.g7 White mates. **56...Kf1 57.Kf3 Ke1 58.g8Q Kd1 59.Qg2 Ke1 60.Qe2#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.48
1-0

31 **C51**
□ **ProteusSF-Turbo** **3095**
■ **admete_bot** **2413**
Rapid 14.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C51: Evans Gambit: Declined and Accepted without 5...Ba5 Sokolov,I: 'Inf 91/283' Lukacs: 'LesEchecs.com: 'C50: Partie italienne (gambit Evans refusé) "
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Bd6 0.54/23
[Black should play 5...Ba5= -0.27/21]
6.0-0 White has compensation. **6...Nf6 7.d4! 0-0**
[7...Nxe4 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Nxe5 Bxe5 10.Qd5±]
8.Re1 White is slightly better. **8...h6 9.Nbd2 Re8 10.Qb3**
[10.Bb3 b5 11.a4 b4 12.Nc4 bxc3 13.dxe5 Bxe5 14.Nfxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Rxe5 16.Bf4 Re7 17.e5 Ne8 18.Qd3 d5 19.Qxc3 Bf5 20.Rad1 Rd7 21.a5 c6 22.Qxc6 Rc8 23.Qa4 Nc7 24.Be3 Ne6 ½-½ Short,N (2712)-Sokolov,I (2690) Sarajevo Bosnia 34th 2004 (7)]
10...Qe7 11.Bd3 Rb8N
[11...Na5 12.Qc2 *(12.Qa4 b6 13.Nf1 Bb7 14.Ng3 Qf8 15.dxe5 Bxe5 16.Nxe5 Rxe5 17.f4 Ree8 18.e5 d6 19.Ba3 Bc6 20.Qd1 Nd7 21.Qg4 Nb7 22.Nf5 Kh8 23.Re3 Nbc5 24.Rae1 Nxd3 25.Rxd3 Re6 26.Qh4 Rg6* 1-0 Felgaer,R (2593)-Harikrishna,P (2646) Dos Hermanas-A 2005 (4) *)* 12...b6 13.Rb1 Bb7]
[11...b6 12.Nc4 #4 1) Evans Gambit-Evans Gambit: 4...Bxb4]
12.Rb1 b5 Repels Nc4 **13.Qd1! a6 14.a4 Qd8 15.axb5 axb5 16.Rxb5 Ra8 17.Rb3 Ba6 18.Bc2 Rb8 19.Bb2 Ra8 20.h3** -0.14/19
[20.dxe5± 0.56/20 Nxe5 21.c4]
20...Rb8 0.52/19
[20...Na5= -0.14/19]
21.Rxb8 Qxb8 22.Qa1 exd4 0.79/19
[22...Qb6!= 0.30/20 might be stronger.]
23.cxd4± Nb4 White now steadily converts the win. **24.Bb3 Nh5** 1.37/20
[⌓24...Be7 0.73/18]
25.Ba3 Bd3 1.55/16
[⌓25...Qb7 1.19/18]

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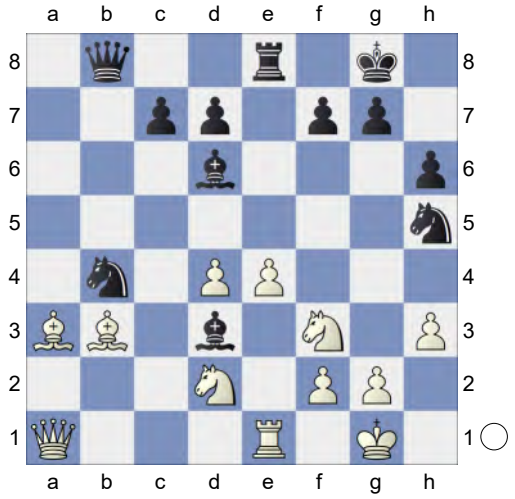
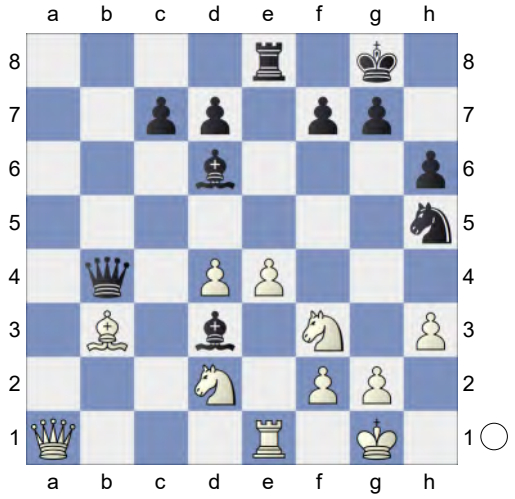


26.Bxb4! Qxb4



27.Re3! aiming for Qa2!. **27...Nf4** 2.38/20

[27...Bb5± 1.30/17 keeps fighting.]

28.g3+- Ne2+ 29.Kg2 Qb5 30.Qa2 Nc1 31.Bxf7+ Kf8 32.Qa1 Kxf7 33.Qxc1 c6 34.Qc3 Be2 35.Qc2 Kg8 36.Qa2+ Kh8 37.Qf7 Rd8 38.Qg6 2.72/20

[⌓38.Ne5 1.97/17]

38...Bc7 39.e5 Rf8 40.Nh4 Qd5+ 41.Ne4 Bd1 42.Nf5 Qf7 43.Qxf7 Rxf7 44.g4 Bc2 45.Kg3 Bxe4 46.Rxe4 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **46...Kh7 47.Re2 Rf8** 4.33/22

[⌓47...g6 2.94/18]

48.Ra2 Bb6 Dodges Ra7 **49.Ra4 c5 50.d5 Re8 51.f4 Rb8 52.Kf3 Re8 53.Nd6 Rb8 54.Nc4 Bd8 55.Ra7 Rb3+ 56.Ke2 Rb4 57.Rxd7 Rxc4 58.Rxd8 Rxf4** KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **59.e6 Kg6 60.Ke3 Rf1 61.Kd2 Rf2+ 62.Kd3 Rf3+ 63.Kc4 Re3 64.Kxc5 Kg5 65.Kd6 Rxh3 66.e7 Re3 67.e8Q Rxe8 68.Rxe8** KR-KPP **68...Kh4 69.Ke6** White mates. **69...Kxg4 70.d6 h5 71.d7 Kf4 72.d8Q Kg4 73.Rf8 g6 74.Qd4+ Kg3 75.Qf2+ Kh3 76.Rf3+ Kg4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.28 (precise) **77.Qg3#**

1-0

32 **C51**

□ **No-StockFish-Bots** **3094**

■ **Phalanx-XXV** **2454**

Blitz 09.01.2024

[Kitty Kat]

C51: Evans Gambit: Declined and Accepted without 5...Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Be7 6.d4 Na5 7.Bd3 d6! 8.dxe5 Nc6**

[8...dxe5 9.Nxe5 Nf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qc2 Qd6 12.Nf3 Rd8 13.Be2 Qc6 14.Nbd2 Be6 15.e5 Nd5 16.Ne4 Nb4 17.Qb1 Bxa2 18.Rxa2 Nxa2 19.Bg5 Nxc3 20.Nxc3 Bxg5 21.Nxg5 Qg6 22.Nce4 h6 23.Nf3 Ganguly,S (2571)-Bharath,S (2488) La Plagne 2023 1-0 (60)]

9.Bc4 Bg4N The position is equal.

[9...Nxe5 10.Nxe5 dxe5 11.Qh5 g6 12.Qxe5 Nf6 13.Ba3 Rf8 14.0-0 Nd7 15.Qg3 Bxa3 16.Nxa3 Qe7 17.Nb5 Ne5 18.Be2 a6 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.Rab1 c5 21.Nf3 Nxf3+ 22.Bxf3 Bc6 23.e5 Bxf3 24.Qxf3 Anand,V (2751)-Shevchenko,K (2644)

Warsaw 2022 CBM 208 Extra [Shevchenko,Kirill] 1-0 (53) 0-0-0 25.Rfe1 Qd7 26.Rb6 Qd5 27.Qg4+ Qd7 28.Qf3 Rfe8 29.Reb1 Rxe5 30.Rxa6 Qb5 31.Ra8+ Kc7 32.Qxf7+ Rd7 33.Qb3 Qxb3 34.axb3 Rd3 35.b4 Rxc3 36.bxc5 Rexc5 37.Kf1 h5 38.Ke1 b5 39.Ra6 Trubman,A-Rosabal Perea,R (2112) Srbija 144/198 2008 ICCF Telechess [Depasquale] 0-1 (53) Rc1+ 40.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 41.Kd2 Rc6 42.Ra7+ Kb6 43.Ra8 b4 44.h3 Kb5 45.g4 b3 46.gxh5 gxh5 47.Rb8+ Ka4 48.f4 Ka3 49.h4 Rc5 50.Rb7 Ka2 51.Rb6 b2 52.Rb8 Ra5 53.Kc2 b1Q+ 0-1 (53) Cava Rodrigues,B-Santos,C (2112) Rio de Janeiro 2008 EXT 2009 [Cava Rodrigues,Bruno]]

10.Qb3

[10.Qd5 Be6 11.Qd3 dxe5 12.Qxd8+ Rxd8 13.Bxe6 fxe6∓]

10...Bxf3 11.Bxf7+

[11.gxf3 Nxe5 12.Bb5+ c6∓]

[11.e6 is interesting. Nf6 12.exf7+ Kf8 13.gxf3 Na5 14.Qa4]

11...Kf8 12.exd6

[12.gxf3 is more complex. Nxe5 13.Bxg8 Rxg8 14.Ke2]

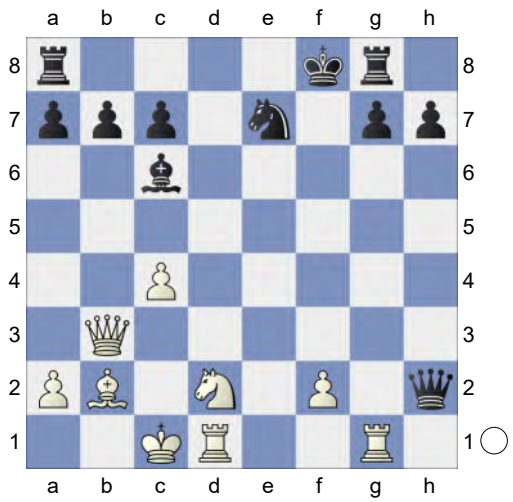
12...Bxg2

[12...Qxd6 keeps more tension. 13.gxf3 Rd8 14.Bd5 Ne5]

13.Bxg8 Rxg8 14.dxe7+ Nxe7 15.Rg1 Bxe4 Strongly threatening ...Qd6. **16.Nd2 Bd5 17.c4! Qd6** Threatens to win with ...Qe5+. **18.Bb2** Inhibits Qe5+. **18...Bc6 19.0-0-0!** Ba3 is the strong threat. **19...Qxh2?** 2.77/19

[19...Qf4= 0.01/16 and Black has nothing to worry.]

(Diagram)



Loses the game. **20.Qe3!+- Qh4 21.Rde1** Threatening mate with Rg4! **21...Re8 22.Qe5** Inhibits Nf5.

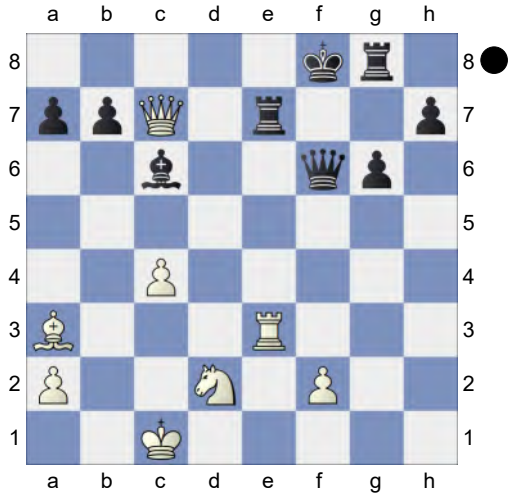
[22.Qc5?! b6 23.Qe5 Nd5 24.Qf5+ *(24.Ba3+? Kf7-+)* 24...Nf6+-]

22...Qf6 4.55/22

[⌓22...Qh6 3.16/23 23.Qxc7 *(23.Ba3 Qf6+-)* 23...g5]

23.Qxc7 Qf5 24.Ba3 Qf6 25.Rg3 Inhibits Qc3+. **25...g6 26.Rxe7 Rxe7 27.Re3**

[Inferior is 27.Bxe7+ Qxe7 28.Qf4+ Qf7∓]

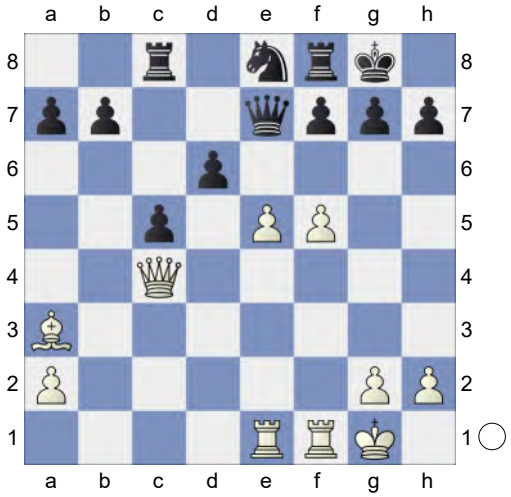


Pin **27...Be4 28.Nxe4 Qa1+ 29.Kd2 Qxa2+ 30.Ke1 Qb1+ 31.Ke2 Qa2+ 32.Kf1 Qa1+ 33.Kg2** White mates.

33...Qxa3 34.Qf4+ Rf7 35.Qb8+
[35.Rxa3? loses. Rxf4 36.f3 a6-+]
35...Kg7 36.Qe5+
[36.Rxa3? too greedy. Rxb8 37.Rxa7 b6-+]
36...Kf8 37.Rxa3 Rf5 38.Qc7 g5 39.Rd3 Rf7 40.Qb8+ Kg7 41.Qe5+ Kh6 42.Rh3+ Kg6 43.Qxg5#
Normal Normal. Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.80
1-0

33 **C52**
□ **Fipsi_x** **3094**
■ **BitByByte** **2875**
Blitz 16.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 Nouveau coup d'œil sur le Gambit Evans **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 7.Qb3 Qe7 8.0-0 Bb6**
[8...Qxe4? 9.Bxf7+ *(9.Re1 Qxe1+ 10.Nxe1 Nf6+-)* 9...Kf8 10.Re1+-]
9.cxd4! White has an edge. **9...Nxd4**
[9...Qxe4? 10.Re1+- *(10.Bxf7+ Kf8+-)*]
10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Nc3! Nf6 12.Ba3
[12.Nb5 d5 13.exd5 Bxa1 14.Ba3 Qe5 15.f4 Bd4+ 16.Kh1 Qe3 17.Nxd4 Qxb3 18.Re1+ Kd8 19.Be7+ Kd7 20.Nxb3 c6 21.d6 b6 22.Bxf7 c5 23.Nd2 Kc6 24.Nc4 Bf5 25.Ne5+ Kb7 26.a4 h5 ½-½ Short,N (2701)-Nielsen,P (2626) Samba Cup 1st 2003 (8) 27.Bxf6 gxf6 28.Bd5+ Ka6 29.Bc4+ Kb7 30.Bd5+ Ka6 31.Bc4+ Kb7 Evans Gambit-6.d4 ed4 7.♕b3 ♕e7 Survey 2018]
12...d6 13.Rad1! Bxc3 14.Qxc3 0-0N
[14...Nxe4?! 15.Qb2± *(15.Qxg7 Qf6±)*]
[14...Qe5 15.Qc1 *(15.Qxe5+ dxe5 16.f4 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.fxe5 Nd7 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Bd6 Kd8 21.Ba3 Ke8 22.Bd6 Kd8 23.Ba3 Ke8 24.Bd6* ½-½ Kovalevskaya,E (2486)-Stefanova,A (2497) EU-Cup (Women) 07th 2002 (4.2)*)* 15...0-0 16.Bb2 Qe7 17.e5 Ne8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.exd6 Nxd6 20.Qc3 *(20.Bb3 Rfe8 21.Rd3 Nf5 22.Rf3 Nh4 23.Rfe3 Nf5 24.Rf3* ½-½ Jirk,J (2383)-Advance Caro-Kann: Short Vari,6 (2451) 154/(201) Istanbul 2022 *)* 20...Qf6 21.Qc1 Qh4 22.Qc3 Ne8 23.Bd5 Rb8 24.Rd3 Rd8 25.Rg3 Qxg3 26.hxg3 Rxd5 27.Ba3 Nd6 28.Qxc7 Nb5 29.Qe7 1-0 Yvinec,J (2349)-Pavoni,F (2310) corr W-32ch prel09 2008]
15.Rde1 Be6
[15...Nxe4? 16.Qf3+-]
16.e5 Ne8!
[16...Bxc4? 17.exf6 Qxf6 18.Qxc4+-]
17.f4 Bxc4 18.Qxc4 Rc8 19.f5 White has compensation. **19...c5**



20.f6! Qe6
[20...gxf6? 21.exf6+- *(21.Qg4+ Kh8+-)*]

21.Qc3 Qg3 poses a challenge **21...d5**
[21...Qxa2? 22.fxg7 Nxg7 23.exd6±]
22.Qd3 Kh8
[22...gxf6 23.Qg3+ Kh8 24.exf6+-]
23.Re3 c4 24.Qd2 Rg8 25.Rh3 g5!
[25...Qxe5 26.fxg7+ *(26.Bb2 Qe6±)* 26...Nxg7 27.Bb2±]
[25...gxf6?! 26.Qh6 Rg7 27.Bf8+- *(27.exf6 Qb6+ 28.Kh1 Nxf6±)*]
26.Qe2 Rg6 27.Qh5 h6 28.Qxg6 Remove Defender **28...fxg6 29.f7! Nc7**
[29...Qxe5 30.f8Q+ Kh7 31.Rxh6#]
30.Rxh6+ Kg7 31.f8Q+ Rxf8 32.Bxf8+ Kg8 33.Bd6 Ne8 34.Rf8+ Kg7 35.Rfh8 Nf6 Against R6h7+ **36.Bf8+ Kf7 37.Bd6 Kg7** Wards off Rf8. Hoping for ...c3!. **38.h4** Some like it hot
[38.exf6+ Kxf6 39.Bg3 *(39.Rf8+? Kg7-+)* 39...Qb6+ *(39...Qe3+ 40.Kf1∓)* 40.Kf1 Qb1+ 41.Be1 c3]
38...gxh4 39.exf6+ Kxf6 40.Bf4
[40.Rf8+? Kg7 41.Rhh8 Qxd6-+]
40...Qe7 0.82/20 Against R6h7
[40...c3± 0.38/20]
41.R6h7 Qc5+! 42.Kh1 d4 1.18/19
[Black should play 42...g5!± 0.54/20 43.Bd6 Qd4 *(43...Qe3 44.Rf8+ Kg6 45.Re7±)*]
43.Rc7!± White has more active pieces.
[43.Rxh4?! c3=]
43...Qb5 1.99/19
[43...Qb4± 0.82/18]
44.Rf8+!+- Ke6

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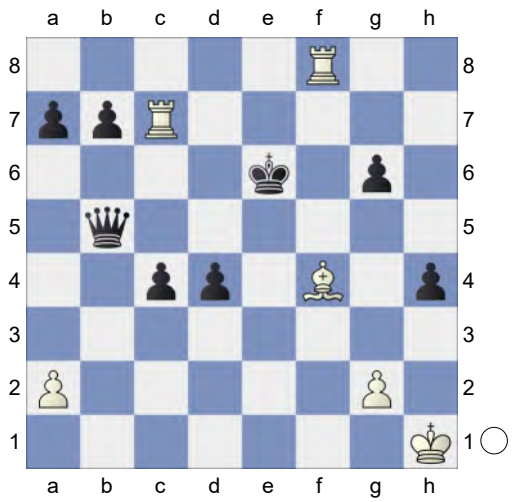
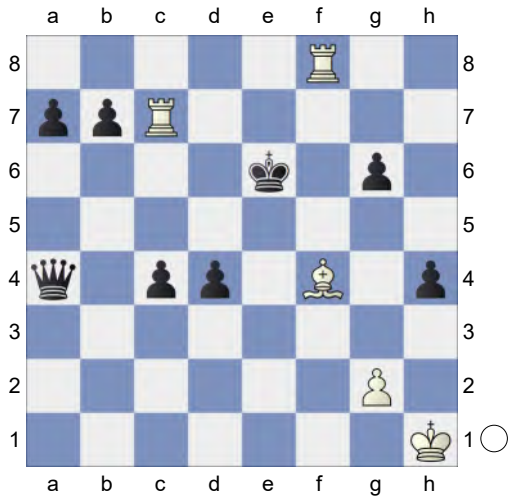
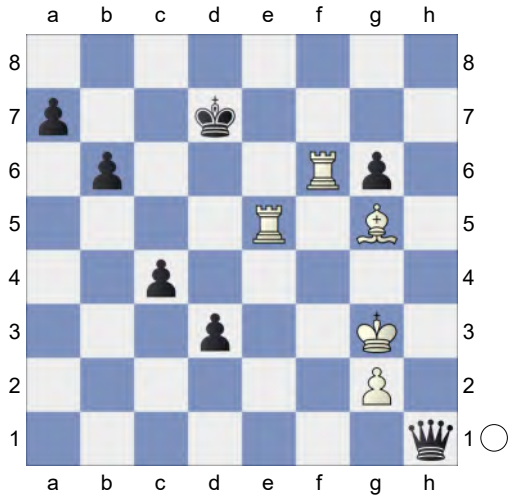


45.a4! Deflection **45...Qxa4**

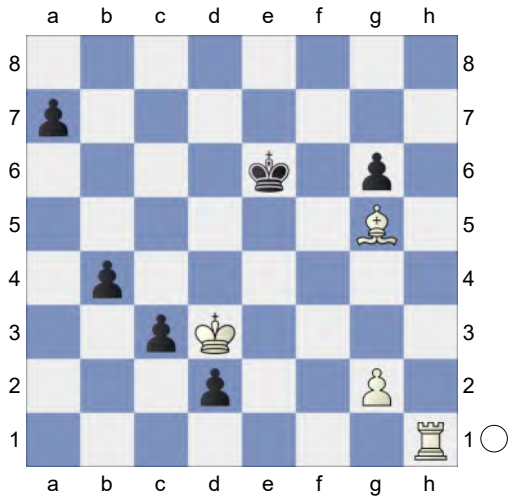


46.Rc5! Ke7 47.Rfc8 Qd1+ 48.Kh2 Qf1 3.14/19
[⌓48...c3 2.11/18 49.Re5+ Kf6 *(49...Kd7? 50.Rc7+* Decoy *Kxc7 51.Re1+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kc6 52.Rxd1+-)* 50.Rf8+ Kg7]
49.Re5+ Kd6 50.Re4+ Kd5 51.Re5+ Kd6 52.Rd8+ Skewer **52...Kc6 53.Rf8 h3** 4.49/20
[53...b6 3.17/18 keeps fighting. 54.Rf7 h3]
54.Rf6+
[54.gxh3 Qf2+ 55.Kh1 b6=]
54...Kd7 55.Rf7+ Kc6 56.Rf6+ Kd7 57.Rf7+ 2.14/17
[57.gxh3 Qf2+ 58.Kh1 Qf1+ 59.Kh2

Qf2+ 60.Kh1 Qf1+ *(60...Qf3+ 61.Kg1 c3=)* 61.Kh2=]
[⊿57.Kxh3+- 4.36/21 b5 58.Bg5 *(58.Rxb5 Qh1+ 59.Bh2 Qd1+-)*]
57...Kc6 58.Kxh3
[58.gxh3 Qf2+ 59.Kh1 Qf1+ 60.Kh2 Qf2+ 61.Kh1 Qf1+ *(61...Qf3+ 62.Kg1 c3=)* 62.Kh2=]
58...d3? 4.61/20
[58...c3 2.55/18 59.Rf6+ Kd7 60.Bg5 Qh1+ 61.Kg3 a5+-]
[58...b6 59.Rg5 *(59.Rf6+ Kb7±)* 59...b5 60.Rxg6+ *(60.Rf6+ Kd7+-)* 60...Kd5 61.Rd6+ Ke4+-]
[58...Qd1+-]
59.Rf6+ Kd7 60.Bg5
[Weaker is 60.Rd5+ Ke7 61.Bg5 Qxf6 *(61...Qh1+? 62.Kg3+-)* 62.Bxf6+ Kxf6+-]
60...Qh1+ 61.Kg3 b6 7.86/19
[⊿61...Qh8 4.62/19 62.Rd5+ Kc8]



62.Re7+!! Skewer, Decoy **62...Kxe7** Endgame KQ-KRB **63.Rf1+** Discovered Attack (Check)
[63.Rxb6+? perishes. Kd7 64.Rxg6 Qe1+ 65.Kh3 c3-+]
63...Ke6 64.Rxh1 c3 65.Kf4 d2 66.Ke4 b5 67.Kd3 b4
(Diagram)

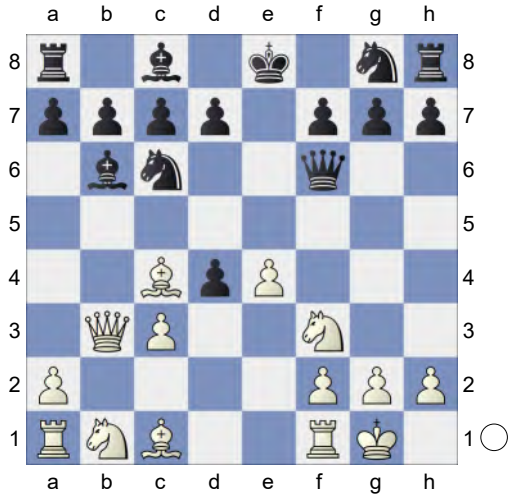


68.Bxd2! cxd2
[68...Kf5 69.Be3]
69.Kxd2 Ra1 is the strong threat. KR-K3P **69...b3 70.Rb1 Kd6 71.Rxb3** KR-KPP **71...Ke5 72.Kd3 a6 73.Ra3 g5 74.Ra5+** 16.18/21
[⊿74.Rxa6 #20/22 Kf4 75.Ra4+ Kf5 76.g4+ Ke6 77.Ra5 Ke7 78.Ke4 *(78.Rxg5 Kf6 79.Rf5+ Kg7 80.Kd4 Kh6 81.Ke4 Kg7 82.Ke5 Kg6)* 78...Kd7 79.Rxg5]
74...Kf4 75.Kd4 Ra2! would kill now. **75...g4 76.Ra3** White mates. **76...a5 77.g3+ Kf5 78.Kd5 Kf6 79.Rxa5** KR-KP **79...Ke7 80.Ra7+ Kf6 81.Rc7 Kg5 82.Ke6 Kg6 83.Re7 Kg5 84.Kf7 Kh6 85.Re5 Kh7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) / Black=0.26 (precise) **86.Rh5#**
1-0

34 **C52**
□ **ProteusSF-lite** **3093**
■ **admete_bot** **2359**
Rapid 21.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4

Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 0.26/20
[6...d6 -0.22/20 deserves consideration.]
7.Qb3 Qf6 8.0-0! Bb6



9.e5 The position is equal. **9...Qg6**
10.cxd4 Nxd4
[10...Na5 11.Qc3 Nxc4 12.Qxc4 Ne7 13.Ba3 ½-½ Vasquez Bonifacio, L (2747)-Novy,M (2686) ROM-chT Romania 1994 (3.1)]
11.Nxd4 Bxd4 12.Nc3! Ne7N
[12...Bxe5 13.Re1 d6 14.f4+-]
[12...b6!? 13.Bd5 c6 14.Bf3 Qe6 15.Nd5 cxd5 16.Bxd5 Qxe5 17.Rb1 Ba6 18.Bxa8 Bxf1 19.Kxf1 Ne7 20.Ba3 0-0 21.Re1 Qf6 22.Bf3 d6 23.Qa4 Ng6 24.Re2 a5 25.Qc6 Rd8 26.Re8+ Rxe8 27.Qxe8+ Nf8 0-1 Kurmann,O (2450)-Karpov,A (2616) Trans Europa Schach Express rapid 2012 (3.7)]
13.Ba3 Loses the game. **13...Nc6?** 2.52/17
[13...b6!= 0.01/20]

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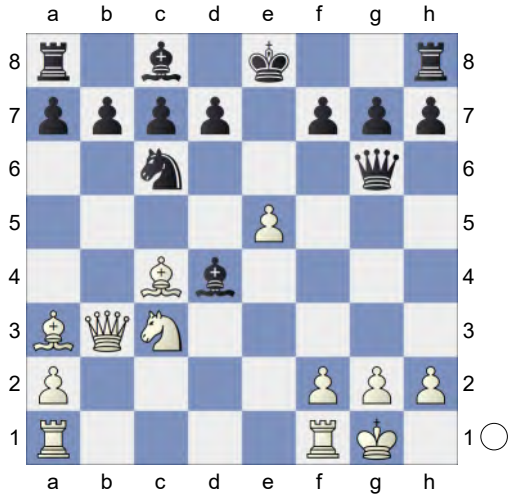
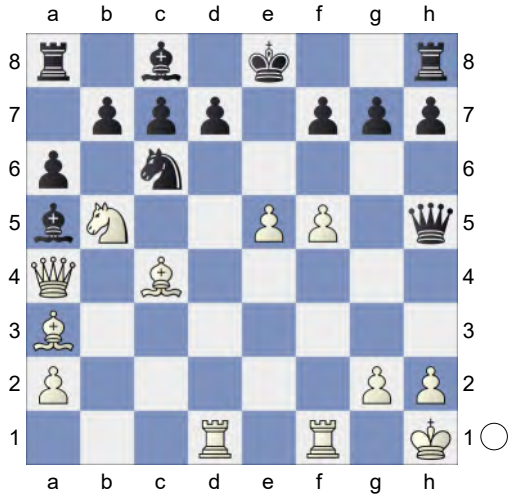
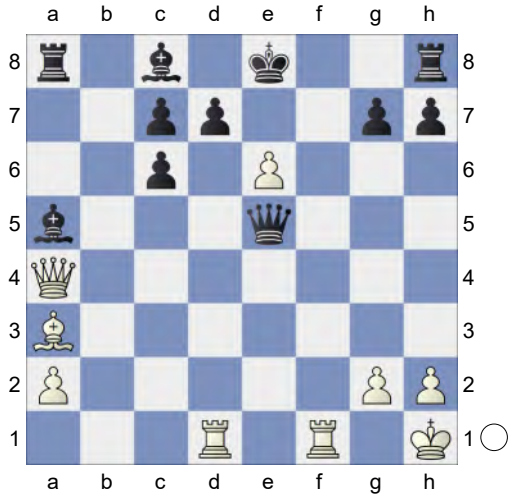


14.Nb5!+- Bb6
[14...Bxe5 15.Rae1]
15.Rad1= Na5
[15...a6 16.Nd6+ cxd6 17.Rxd6+- *(17.Qxb6 0-0+-)*]
16.Qa4 Black must now prevent Rd6!.
[16.Qb4 c5 *(16...Nc6 17.Qb3=)* 17.Qc3 Nxc4 18.Qxc4 0-0=]
16...Nc6 17.Kh1 a6 Hoping for ...Ba5!.
18.f4 Ba5 4.51/21
[18...Qf5 3.09/17 might work better. 19.Bd5 *(19.Bd6 Kd8±)* 19...Kd8]
19.f5 Qh5



20.e6! axb5 21.Bxb5
[Not 21.exf7+ Kd8 22.Qxb5 *(22.f8Q+ Rxf8 23.Bxb5 Rf6-+)* 22...Bc3+-]

21...fxe6 22.fxe6 Qe5 6.01/21
[⚆22...Qg6 4.27/18 23.Bxc6 bxc6 *(23...dxc6 24.Qh4)*]
23.Bxc6 bxc6



24.Rde1!! Qxe1 25.Rxe1 Pin **25...d6 26.Qxc6+ Ke7 27.Bb4 Bxe6 28.Bxa5** Remove Defender **28...Rxa5 29.Qxc7+ Kf6 30.Qxa5 Rc8 31.Rf1+ Kg6 32.Qa6** Intending Qd3+ and mate. **32...h5 33.Qxd6 Re8 34.Qc6 Rd8 35.Qxe6+** White mates. **35...Kh7 36.h4 Rd4 37.Rf5 Rxh4+ 38.Kg1 Rh1+ 39.Kxh1 g6 40.Rf7+ Kh6 41.Qf6 h4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.84 **42.Qxh4#**
1-0

35 **C52**
□ **ProteusSF-lite** **3092**
■ **admete_bot** **2360**
Rapid 21.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Nf6 0.61/19
[Black should play 8...Bb6!∓ -0.55/19 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 f6 11.a4 Ne7 12.Ba2 Qc6 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Ba3 Be6 15.Bb4 Bxa2 16.Qxa2 Ng6 17.g3 Nf8 18.Bxa5 Bxa5 19.Nc4 Bb6 20.Rad1 Nd7 21.Rd5 0-0-0 0-1 Short,N (2706)-Filippov,A (2595) Kolkata op 4th 2009 (7)]
9.dxe5!±
[9.Nbd2 0-0 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 dxe5 12.Ba3 Re8 13.Rad1 Qg4 14.Bxf7+ Kh8 15.Bxe8 Be6 16.Qa4 Bb6 17.Bb5 Nh5 18.Kh1 Nf4 19.Rg1 Bxf2 20.Nf3 Bxg1 21.Rxg1 Nxg2 22.Qd1 Ne3 23.Rxg4 Nxd1 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Slade,T (2085) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Early blitz 2025 (3)]
9...Ng4N
[9...Nxe5? too greedy. 10.Nxe5 dxe5 11.Rd1+-]
[9...dxe5? 10.Rd1+-]
[9...Nxe4 10.Re1 Nc5 11.exd6+ Kf8 12.Qa3 Qxd6 13.Bb5 Bb6 14.Nbd2 Be6 15.Bb2 Nd7 16.Ne4 Qxa3 17.Bxa3+ Kg8 18.Rad1 h6 19.Bxc6 bxc6 20.c4 Ba5 21.Re3 Nb6 22.Ne5 Nxc4 23.Rg3 Nxa3 24.Nd7 ½-½ Muir,W-Clement,P Friendly match 1966/67]
10.exd6 cxd6 White is better. **11.h3 Nge5 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Bb5** Pin **13...Nc6 14.Qd5** Threatens to win with Bxc6. **14...Bc7 15.c4 0-0 16.Nc3 a6 17.Ba4 Ba5 18.Bxc6 Qd8 19.Bg5 Qc7**

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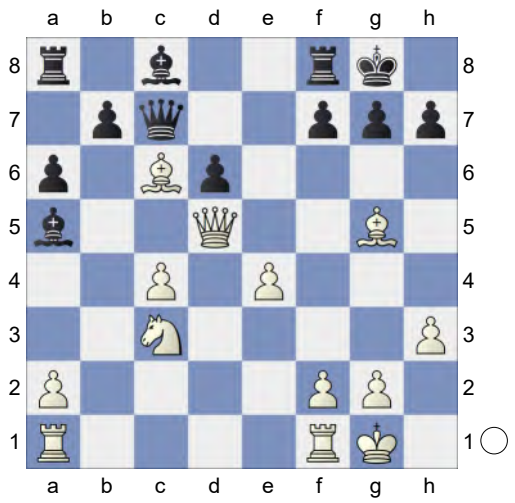
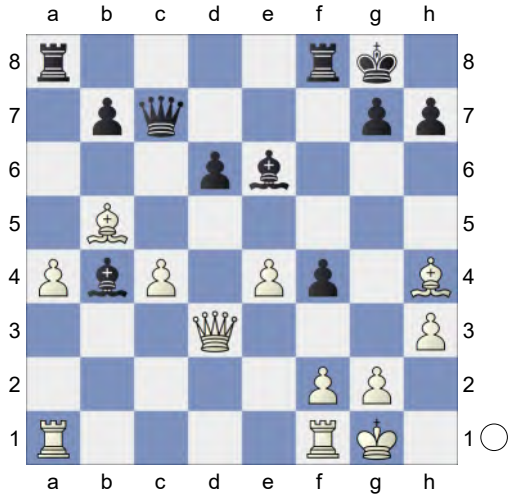
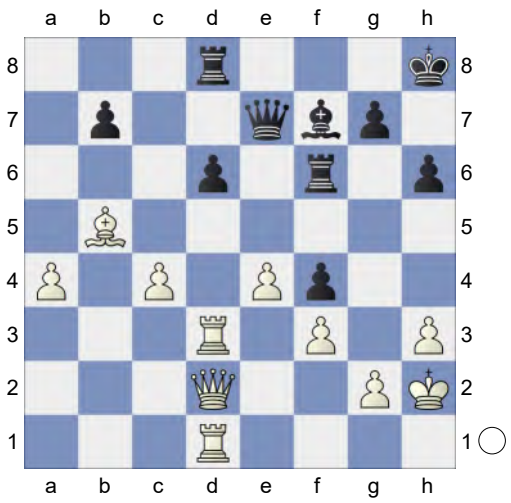


20.Nb5 axb5
[20...Qxc6 21.Qxc6]
21.Bxb5 Bb4 22.a4 Be6 23.Qd3 f5 24.Bh4 f4

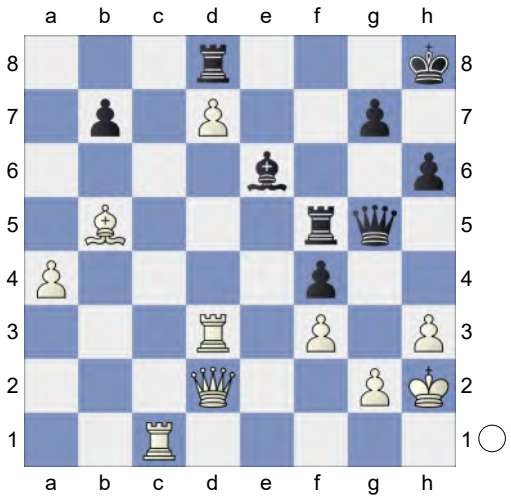


25.f3! Rfc8 26.Rac1 Kh8 27.Rfd1 Rf8 28.Kh2 Bc5 29.Qe2 h6 30.Bf2 Bb4 2.23/20
[⌓30...Qe7 1.84/15 31.Rd2 Qg5 32.Bxc5 dxc5]
31.Rb1+- Bc5 32.Bxc5 Qxc5 33.Rb2 Rf6 34.Rbd2 Bf7 35.Qf2 Qc7 36.Rd3 Qe7 37.Qd2 Rd8

(Diagram)

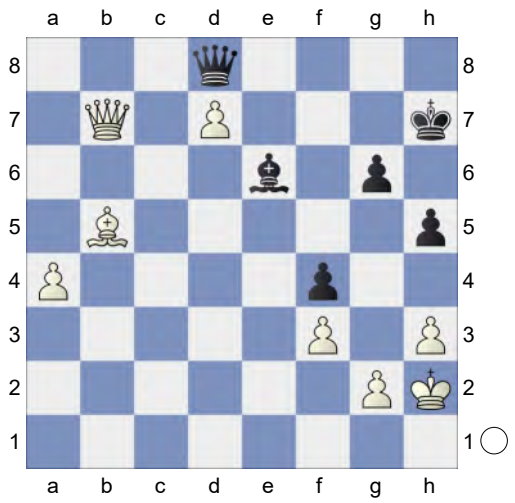


38.c5! d5 39.exd5 Qxc5 40.d6 Qg5 41.d7 Rf5 42.Rc1 Be6



43.Rc8! Active counter play! **43...Rff8**
[43...Qg3+ 44.Kg1]
44.Rxd8 Rxd8 45.Qe2 Bf7 46.Rc3 Kh7 47.Rc8 g6 48.Rxd8 Qxd8 Endgame KQB-KQB. White is a pawn up. **49.Qe4 h5 50.Qxb7 Be6**

(Diagram)



51.a5! h4
[51...Kh6 52.Qb6]
52.a6 Intending a7 and mate. **52...Kh6**
53.a7 Bxd7 54.Qxd7 14.31/17
[Weaker is 54.a8B Bxb5 55.Qxb5 Qxa8±]
[⌓54.Bxd7 #15/18 Qg5 55.Bg4 *(55.a8B Qg3+ 56.Kh1 Qe1+ 57.Kh2 Qg3+ 58.Kh1 Qe1+ 59.Kh2 Qg3+=)* 55...Qd8 56.a8Q *(56.a8B Qf8+-)* 56...Qxa8 57.Qxa8 Kg7 58.Qe4 Kf7 59.Qe6+ *(59.Qxf4+ Ke7 60.Kh1 g5 61.Qe5+ Kf7 62.Qxg5 Kf8 63.Be6 Ke8 64.Qg7 Kd8 65.Qd7#)* 59...Kg7 60.Qe7+ Kh6 61.Qf6 *(61.Qxh4+ Kg7 62.Qe7+ Kh6 63.Qf6 Kh7 64.Qf8 g5 65.Bf5#)* 61...Kh7 62.Qf8 g5 63.Bf5#]
54...Qh8 55.Bd3 White mates. **55...Qg8 56.Qe7 Qh8 57.Qe6 Qg7 58.a8Q Kh7 59.Qd8 Qf6 60.Qexf6 Kh6** Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) / Black=0.53 **61.Qxg6#**
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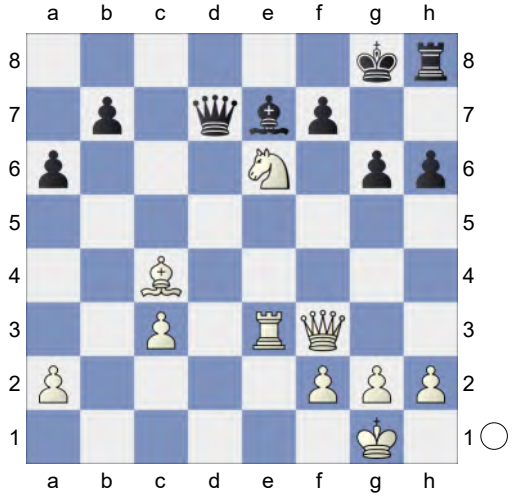
36 **C52**
□ **ProteusSF** **3089**
■ **admete_bot** **2359**
Rapid 21.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Nf6 0.66/20
[8...Bb6!∓ -0.33/19]
9.dxe5!± Nxe4
[9...Nxe5? 10.Nxe5 dxe5 11.Rd1+-]
[9...dxe5? 10.Rd1+-]
10.Re1 Deflection **10...Nc5** 1.29/19
[10...Qf5? 11.Bd3 Nc5 *(11...d5? 12.Qxd5 Nxc3 13.Nxc3+-)* 12.Bxf5+- *(12.exd6+ Kd8+-)*]
[⌓10...d5 0.79/21]
11.exd6+± Kf8 12.Qd1N
[12.Qa3 Qxd6 13.Bb5 Bb6 14.Nbd2 Be6 15.Bb2 Nd7 16.Ne4 Qxa3 17.Bxa3+ Kg8 18.Rad1 h6 19.Bxc6 bxc6 20.c4 Ba5 21.Re3 Nb6 22.Ne5 Nxc4 23.Rg3 Nxa3 24.Nd7 f5 25.Nef6+ Kf7 26.Nh5 g5 ½-½ Muir,W-Clement,P Friendly match 1966/67]
12...cxd6 13.Bf4 Bc7 14.Na3 White has strong compensation. **14...a6** Prevents Nb5. **15.Ng5 Nd8 16.Nc2** White has more active pieces. **16...h6 17.Ne4↑** White is on the roll. **17...Nxe4 18.Rxe4 Nc6** 1.96/16
[18...Kg8± 1.26/18]
19.Ne3+- Kg8 3.05/17
[19...Ne5 2.03/16 20.Rd4 Qe8]
20.Qh5 Ne5 4.65/18
[20...Nd8 3.05/18 was worth a try. 21.Nd5 Ne6]
21.Bxe5 dxe5 22.Rd1 Qe8 23.Nd5 Ba5 24.Rxe5
[Not 24.Qxe5 Qxe5 25.Rxe5 Kh7±]

24...Be6 25.Nf4 and Rxe6 should not be overlooked **25...g6 26.Qe2 Rd8 27.Rxd8**

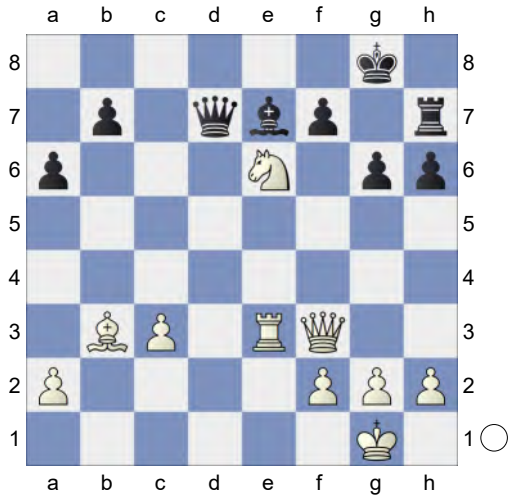
[Inferior is 27.Rxa5 Rxd1+ 28.Qxd1 Bxc4=]

27...Bxd8 28.Nxe6 Bf6 29.Re3 Qd7 30.Qf3 Be7



31.Bb3! Rh7

[31...a5 32.Rd3]

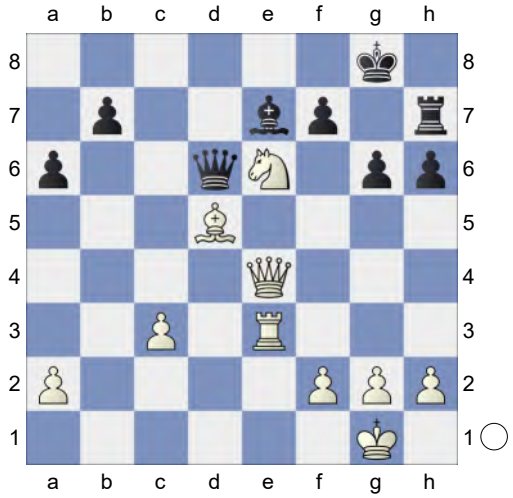


32.Qe4! Qc6

[32...a5 33.Rd3]

33.Bd5 Qd6

(Diagram)



34.g3! h5

[34...Qd7 35.h4]

35.Nf4 g5 36.Ng6 Bf8 37.Ne5 Kh8 38.Nxf7+ Rxf7 Black is weak on the light squares **39.Bxf7 a5 40.Bb3** White mates. **40...a4 41.Bc2 Qd7 42.Rf3 Kg8 43.Bxa4 Qd6 44.Bb3+ Kh8 45.Bc2 Qd7 46.Qg6 Qd1+ 47.Bxd1 Be7 48.Qh6+ Kg8** Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.49 **49.Bb3#**

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37 **C50**

□ **ToromBot** **3084**

■ **InanisBot** **2596**

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 Report in the Manchester Guardian of 29 March 1856, reprinted in ILN 5 April 1856 and also in Era 6 Apr. Game lasted 8 hours (5pm on the 28th to 1am on the 29th). Some notes in the Berliner Schachzeitung xi pp307-8 (Sept 1856)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.Re1 d6

[5...0-0 6.c3 Qe7 7.d4 exd4 8.e5 Ng4 9.cxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qh4 11.Be3 Qxh2+ 12.Kf1 Qh1+ 13.Ke2 Qxg2 14.Rg1 Nxe3 15.Kxe3 Bxd4+ 16.Kxd4 Qxf2+ 17.Kc3 Qe3+ 18.Bd3 Qxe5+ 0-1 (18) Osmel Garcia-Tudela Gonzalez,V Belgium 2012 CBM 91-B47 [Sale,Srdjan]]

6.c3 Bb6 7.d3N

[7.d4 0-0 8.Bg5 exd4 9.cxd4 Bg4 10.d5 Ne5 11.Nbd2 h6 12.Bh4 Ba5 13.Be2 Ng6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Rb1 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Ne5 17.Be2 Qf4 18.b4 Bb6 19.Rf1 f5 20.g3 Qg5 21.Kg2 f4 Liverpool,C-Manchester corr 1856 UltraCorrX [Manchester Guardian; ILN; Schz] ½-½ 22.Nf3 Nxf3 23.Bxf3 Rf6 24.h4 Qe5 25.g4 a5 26.b5 Bc5 27.a4 Kf7 28.Qe2 Ke7 ½-½ (28) MainSlav/12 5...Bf5-Meran/2 8. Bd3 Bd6 Griechenland 1856 ZUS D57 [Kirjeshakki etc.]]

7...0-0 8.h3 h6 9.Nbd2 Ne7 The position is equal. **10.Bb3 Ng6 11.Nc4 Be6 12.d4 c6 13.dxe5 Bxc4 14.Bxc4 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 dxe5 16.Qe2 a5 17.a4 Qe7 18.Bd2 Rfd8 19.Rad1 Rd6 20.Bc1 Rad8 21.Rxd6 Rxd6 22.g3 Nd7 23.Kg2 Bc5 24.Rf1 Rf6 25.Bd3 Qd8 26.f4** -0.25/19

[26.Bc2± 0.38/18]

26...exf4= 27.gxf4 Rg6+ 28.Kh2! Qh4 (→ ...Qg3+) **29.Qe1** Prevents Qg3+. **29...Qxe1 30.Rxe1 Bf2 31.Rd1** Black must now prevent e5. **31...Nc5 32.Bb1 Bg3+**

[32...Nxa4? 33.e5+-]

33.Kh1 And now e5 would win. **33...Bh4! 34.Be3! Nxa4** 0.62/23

[34...Ne6!= 0.14/25]

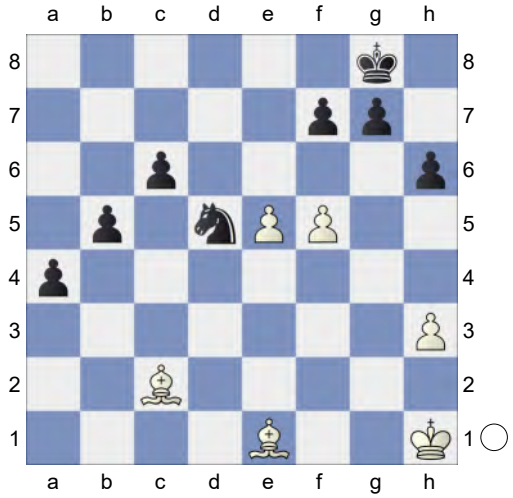
35.e5!± Rg3

[Reject 35...Nxb2 36.Rd7 Rg3 37.Rxb7=]

36.Bf2 Nxb2 37.Bxg3 Nxd1 38.Bxh4 Nxc3 39.Bc2 a4 40.Be1 Nd5 1.04/22

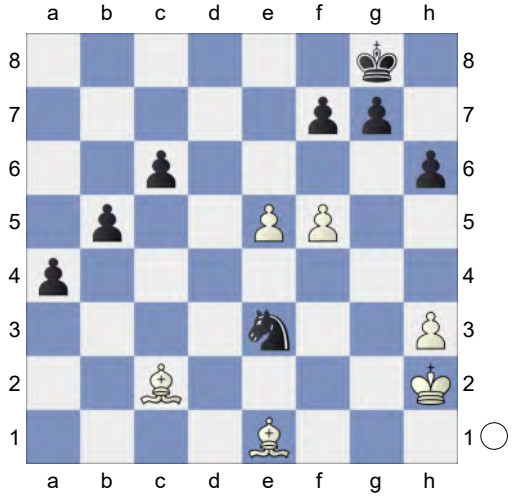
[⌓40...Ne2 0.73/22]

41.f5± Bf2 is the strong threat. **41...b5**



42.Kh2! Ne3 1.69/21

[42...g5± 0.64/19]



43.Bb1!+- aiming for Bb4. **43...Nd5** Prevents Bb4. **44.Ba2 Kf8?** 3.66/24

[44...h5 1.63/22 45.Bxd5 cxd5]

45.Kg3 2.18/23

[⌓45.Bxd5 3.66/24 cxd5 46.Bb4+ Ke8 47.Kg3]

45...Ne3 46.Bb4+ Ke8 47.Kf4 Nc2 4.24/23

[⌓47...Nd1 3.02/22 48.e6 fxe6]

48.Bc5 b4? 5.44/22

[48...Na1 2.68/21 might work better. 49.e6 Nb3]

49.Bc4 Threatens to win with e6. **49...b3 50.e6 fxe6 51.fxe6** White threatens Bd3 and mate. **51...Ne1** Prevents Bd3. Strongly threatening ...b2. **52.Kf5 b2 53.Ba2 Nf3 54.Ba3 Nd4+ 55.Ke5 Nb5 56.Bxb2 a3 57.Bc1 Nc3 58.Bb3 Nb5 59.Bc4** White wants to mate with Bxb5. **59...g5 60.Bxb5 cxb5 61.Bxa3** KB-K3P **61...h5 62.Bb4 g4 63.hxg4** KB-KPP **63...h4 64.g5 h3 65.g6 Kd8 66.g7 Kc7 67.g8Q** Qa8 would kill now. **67...Kb7 68.e7** White mates. **68...h2 69.e8Q h1Q 70.Qb8+ Ka6 71.Qa2#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.39

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38 **C52**

□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3080**

■ **TheMatrix2025** **3071**

Blitz 19.02.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 Illingworth, Max: 'If Kramnik's 9.a3 novelty puts you off 3...Nf6 and 3...e5 also doesn't appeal to you, I'll recommend the following exchange sacrifice as a dangerous, dynamic weapon. It still hasn't been seen in a lot of games and strong players are still being caught out.' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Ne7** Black is slightly better.

[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]

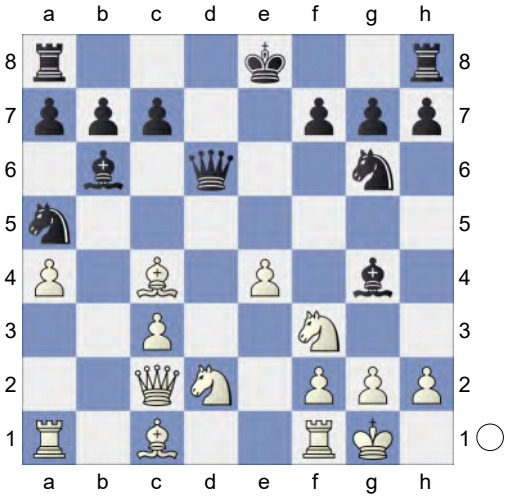
11.dxe5 Ng6

[11...0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 b6 26.Nc4 0-1 Adhiban,B (2630)-Nakamura,H (2776) 123/125 Gibraltar 2015]

12.exd6 Qxd6 13.a4N

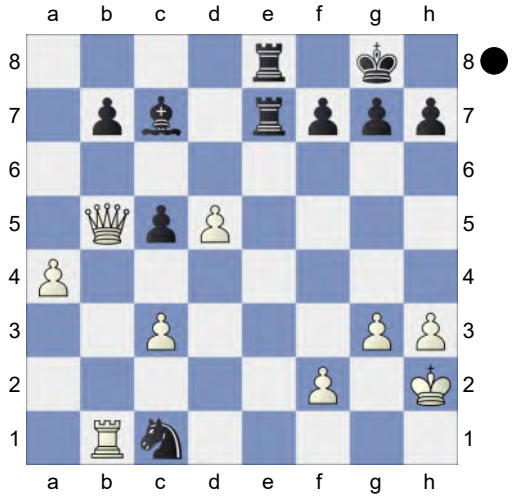
[13.e5 Qc6 14.Bd3 Nf4 15.Be4 Qxc3 16.Qb1 Bg4 17.Bb2 Qb4 18.Qc2 0-0-0 19.a3 Qe7 20.Bf5+ Bxf5 21.Qxf5+ Ne6 22.Rac1 Rd7 23.Nc4 Nxc4 24.Rxc4 g6 25.Qh3 h5 26.Nd4 Bxd4 27.Bxd4 Kb8 0-1 Rangeet,M (1512)-Lalith,B (2544) New Delhi op 20th 2023 (2) 28.Bb2 Rhd8 29.Qb3 Rd3 30.Qc2 Qd7 31.h4 Qd5 32.Rc1 Rd2 33.Qb3 Nf4 0-1 Saleh,N (1512)-Sadvakasov,D (2544) Zalaegerszeg 2004 (2)]

13...Bg4



14.Nd4 0-0 15.h3 The position is equal.

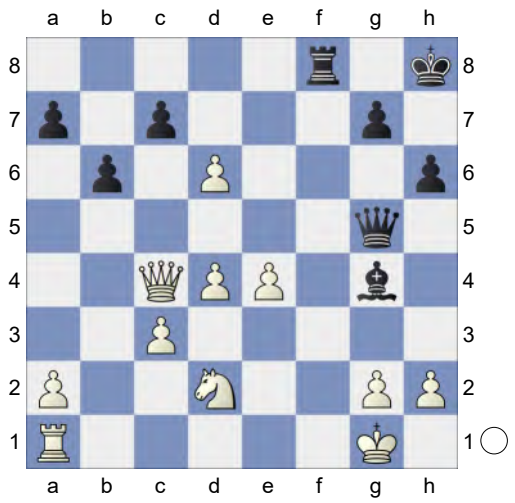
15...Bd7 16.Ba2 c5 17.Nb5 Qe7 18.Bd5 Nf4
[18...a6 simplifies 19.Na3 Bc7 20.Ndc4 Nxc4 21.Nxc4 Rad8]
19.Nf3 Wards off Qg5 **19...Nxd5 20.exd5 Rfe8 21.Re1 Qxe1+ 22.Nxe1 Rxe1+ 23.Kh2 a6! 24.Qd2**
[24.Nd6? Bc7 25.Bf4 Rxa1-+]
24...Rae8 White is weak on the light squares **25.Qf4! axb5 26.Qd6! Nb3! 27.Rb1**
[27.Qxd7 R1e7 *(27...Nxa1 28.Be3=; 27...Nxc1? 28.Rxc1 R1e7 29.Qxb5+-)* 28.Qxb5 *(28.Qd6? Bc7-+* Pin *)* 28...Bc7+ *(28...Nxa1? 29.d6+-)* 29.g3 Nxa1∓]
27...Nxc1 28.Qxd7 R1e7 29.Qxb5 Bc7+ 30.g3⇄



White puts up resistance **30...Bxg3+!** Double Attack **31.Kh1!**
[31.fxg3 Re2+ 32.Kg1 Re1+ 33.Kg2 R8e2+-+]
31...Bf4 32.d6! Re1+
[32...Bxd6?! 33.Rxc1 Ra8 34.Kg2±]
33.Kg2 Threatens to win with d7.
33...Rd8
[Don't play 33...Bxd6?! 34.Rxc1 *(34.Qxb7 h5∓)* 34...Rxc1 35.Qxe8+ Bf8 36.Qd7 Rxc3 37.Qxb7±]
34.d7 Rd1 35.Qc4 g5 36.Rxb7 Nd3
And now ...Ne1+ would win. **37.Qb3!** Some like it hot **37...Ne1+ 38.Kf1 Nc2+ 39.Kg2 Ne1+ 40.Kf1 Nc2+ 41.Kg2**
[41.Ke2!? Rd2+□ 42.Kf1∓]
A balanced but interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
41...Ne1+
[41...R1xd7? perishes. 42.Rxd7 Ne1+ 43.Kf1 Rxd7 44.Kxe1+-]
½-½

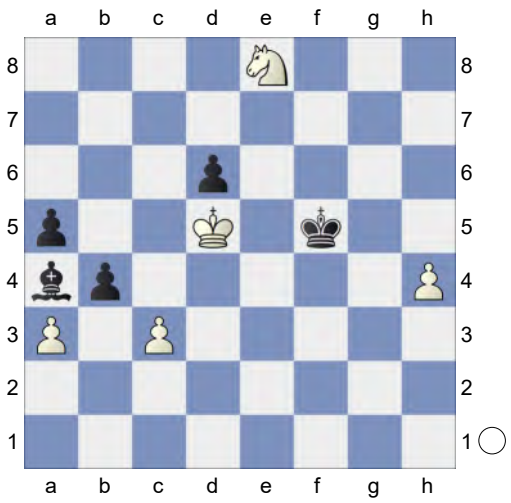
39 **C51**
□ **No-StockFish-Bots** **3079**
■ **ProteusSF-Aureo** **2966**
Rapid 12.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C51: Evans Gambit: Declined and Accepted without 5...Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Be7 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Na5 8.Bxf7+ Kf8 9.Qa4 Kxf7 10.Qxa5** White is slightly better. **10...b6 11.Qb5 Bf6N**
[11...Bd7 12.Qd3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nf6 14.Ng5+ Ke8 15.0-0 Ng4 16.f4 Bf6 17.e5 dxe5 18.Nc3 exd4 19.Nce4 Bf5 20.Qc4 Bxg5 21.Nxg5 Qd7 22.Re1+ Kf8 23.Ba3+ c5 24.Bxc5+ 1-0 (24) Doplmayr,F (2270)-Schild,R corr thematic, ICCF 1998]
12.0-0 Bd7 13.Qd3 Ne7 14.Ng5+ Bxg5 15.Bxg5 h6 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.f4 Rhf8 18.fxe5+ Kg8! 19.Rxf8+ Rxf8 20.exd6 Qg5 (→ ...Qc1+) **21.Nd2** Hoping for Nf3. **21...Bh3 22.Qe2** Threatens to win with Nf3.
[Much weaker is 22.Qxh3 Qxd2 23.Rf1 *(23.dxc7?* is a self mate. *Qf2+ 24.Kh1 Qf1+ 25.Rxf1 Rxf1#)* 23...Rxf1+ 24.Kxf1 cxd6=]
22...Bg4 Against Nf3 **23.Qc4+ Kh8**

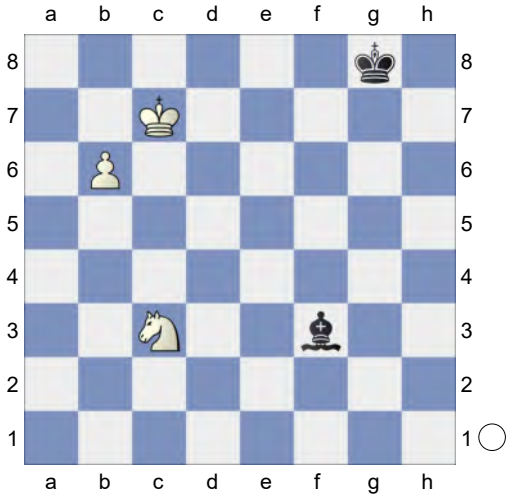


24.Rf1! Rxf1+ 25.Nxf1 cxd6 26.a3 a5 27.d5 0.13/22
[27.Qa6± 0.68/20]
27...h5 0.79/20
[27...Bf3= 0.13/22 remains equal. 28.g3 *(28.Qc8+ Kh7=)* 28...Qg4]
28.Qa6 0.42/23
[28.Qd3!± 0.79/20]
28...Bf3!± 29.Qc8+ Kh7 30.Qf5+ Qxf5 31.exf5 Bxd5 Endgame KB-KN **32.Ne3 Bb3 33.Kf2 Kh6 34.h4 g5 35.fxg6 Kxg6 36.Ke2** 0.34/26
[⌓36.Kf3 0.70/25]
36...Kf6 37.Kd3 Ke5 38.g4 hxg4 39.Nxg4+ Kf4 40.Nf6 Strongly threatening c4. **40...b5** Inhibits c4. **41.Kd4 Ba4** 0.35/27
[41...Kf5= 0.01/27 42.Ne8 Kg4]
42.Kd5 Kf5 43.Ne8 b4

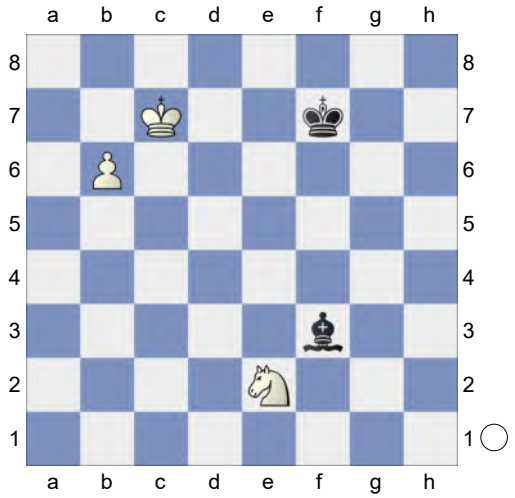
(Diagram)



44.axb4 axb4
[44...Bxe8? 45.bxa5 Bb5 46.Kxd6+-]
45.Nxd6+ Kg4 46.cxb4 Kxh4 47.Nf5+ Kh5 48.Ne3 Bb3+ 49.Ke4 Kh6 50.Kf5 Kh7 51.Ke5 Kh8 0.50/29
[51...Ba4= 0.00/28]
52.Nd5 Kh7 53.Nb6 aiming for b5. **53...Kg7 54.b5** 0.01/34
[Better is 54.Kd6± 0.65/28 Bd1 55.Ke7]
54...Bc2 55.Kd4 Kf8 56.Nd5 b6 would kill now. **56...Bf5 57.Ke5 Bd7 58.b6 Bc8 59.Kd6** Intending Kc7 and mate. **59...Bb7! 60.Nc3 Kg8!=** -0.01/32 **61.Kc7 Bf3!=** -0.01/30 keeps the balance.



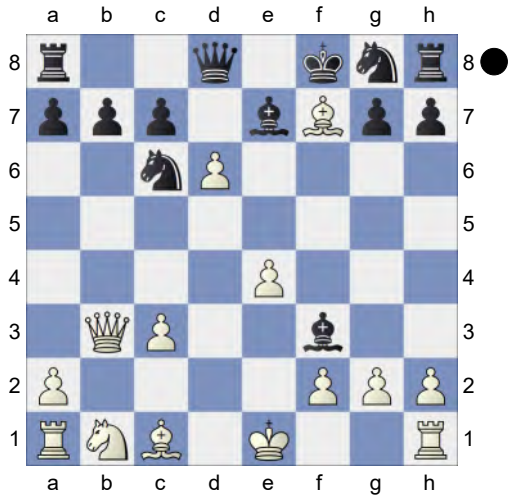
62.Kd6 -0.01/32
[62.Ne2!⩲ 0.69/31 Kf7



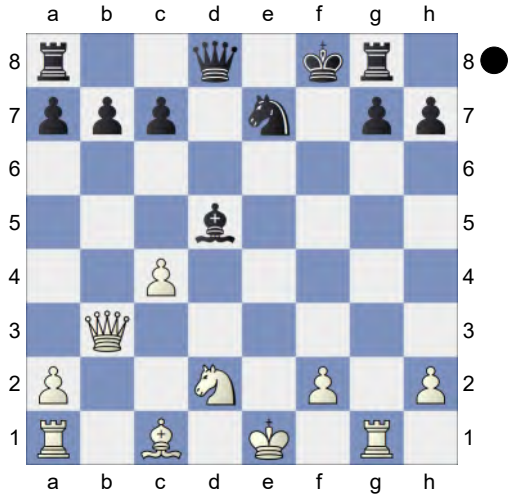
63.Kd7!]
62...Ba8 0.75/31 **63.Kc7** -0.01/30
[63.Ke7± 0.75/31]
63...Kg7 0.75/30 **64.Ne4** 0.00/56 **Bxe4=** The position is equal. **65.Kd6 Kh8 66.Ke5 Ba8 67.b7 Bxb7** Normal Normal. Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

40 **C51**
□ **No-StockFish-Bots** **3079**
■ **Phalanx-XXV** **2462**
Blitz 09.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C51: Evans Gambit: Declined and Accepted without 5...Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Be7 6.d4 Na5 7.Bd3 d6 8.dxe5 Nc6 9.Bc4 Bg4N** The position is equal.
[9...dxe5 10.Qb3⩲]
[9...Nxe5 10.Nxe5 dxe5 11.Qh5 g6 12.Qxe5 Nf6 13.Ba3 Rf8 14.0-0 Nd7 15.Qg3 Bxa3 16.Nxa3 Qe7 17.Nb5 Ne5 18.Be2 a6 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.Rab1 c5 21.Nf3 Nxf3+ 22.Bxf3 Bc6 23.e5 Bxf3 24.Qxf3 Caveman Attack-(4.Bxf7+): Part Two Vienna Game: Frankenstein-Dracula Varia 0-0-0 25.Rfe1 Qd7 26.Rb6 Qd5 27.Qg4+ Qd7 28.Qf3 Rfe8 29.Reb1 Rxe5 30.Rxa6 Qb5 31.Ra8+ Kc7 32.Qxf7+ Rd7 33.Qb3 Qxb3 34.axb3 Rd3 35.b4 Rxc3 36.bxc5 Rexc5 37.Kf1 h5 38.Ke1 b5 39.Ra6 1-0 Anand,V (2751)-Shevchenko,K (2644) Wch Blitz Warsaw 2021 (13) Rc1+ 40.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 41.Kd2 Rc6 42.Ra7+ Kb6 43.Ra8 b4 44.h3 Kb5 45.g4 b3 46.gxh5 gxh5 47.Rb8+ Ka4 48.f4 Ka3 49.h4 Rc5 50.Rb7 Ka2 51.Rb6 b2 52.Rb8 Ra5 53.Kc2 b1Q+ 0-1 Trubman,A-Rosabal Perea,R (2112) Srbija 144/198 2020 (4)]
10.Qb3 Bxf3 11.Bxf7+ Kf8 12.exd6



Bxg2 13.Bxg8 Rxg8
[13...Bxh1 14.Qf7#]
14.dxe7+ Nxe7
[14...Qxe7 15.Ba3+-]
15.Rg1↑ White has some pressure.
15...Bxe4 16.Nd2 Bd5 0.95/20
[16...Qd5= -0.01/21]
17.c4±
(Diagram)



Qd6 18.Bb2 Prevents Qe5+. **18...Bc6 19.0-0-0** A mistake that costs the game. **19...Qxh2?** 3.43/19

[19...Qf4± 0.89/17 is a better defense.]

20.Qe3+- Qh4 21.Rde1 Rg4! is the strong threat. **21...Re8 22.Qe5** Prevents Nf5. **22...Qf6** Strongly threatening ...Qxe5.

[22...Qxf2 23.Rgf1 *(23.Rxg7 Qxe1+ 24.Qxe1 Rxg7±)*]

23.Qxc7 Qh6

[Stronger than 23...Qxf2 24.Rgf1 Nf5 25.Ba3+ *(25.Rxf2 Rxe1+ 26.Kc2 Ba4+ 27.Nb3 g6+-)*]

24.Re3 Kf7 25.Rge1 Qg5 26.f4 Qh4 27.Ba3 Qg4 28.f5 Rgf8 29.Rxe7+ White mates. **29...Kg8 30.Bb2 Kh8 31.Bxg7+ Kg8 32.Bb2 Rxe7 33.Rxe7 Qg1+ 34.Kc2 Ba4+ 35.Kd3 Bd7 36.Qxd7 Qg3+ 37.Kc2 Qd3+ 38.Kxd3 Rb8 39.Rxh7 Kf8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.67 **40.Rh8#** Normal

1-0

41 **C50**

□ **torombot** **3077**

■ **ChessDotCpp** **2793**

Rapid 16.07.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.Re1 0-0 6.d3 d6**

[6...Ng4 7.Re2 Kh8 8.h3 f5 9.Bg5 Nf6 10.Nc3 d6 11.Nd5 fxe4 12.dxe4 Be6 13.Nxf6 gxf6 14.Bxe6 fxg5 15.c3 Qf6 16.Bg4 Ne7 17.Qd2 Rg8 18.b4 Bb6 19.a4 a5 20.Qa2 Qg6 21.Qe6 Lozon Urena,X (2847)-Giorgadze,T (2736) Bled 2021 200 Traps In The Opening [List,Paul M] 0-1 (57)]

7.c3N

[7.h3 Na5 8.Bb3 Nxb3 9.axb3 h6 10.Be3 Bxe3 11.Rxe3 Re8 12.Nc3 c6 13.d4 Qc7 14.Qd2 Be6 15.d5 cxd5 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Bf5 18.Rc3 Qb6 19.Nh4 Bd7 20.Rg3 Kh8 21.Rf3 Kg8 Mrittika,M (1845)-Alexandri,V (1606) Mamaia 2022 ½-½]

[7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Be6 9.Nc3 Nd4 10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Qf3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Bxc4 13.dxc4 g5 14.Bg3 Nd7 15.h4 gxh4 16.Bh2 Qg5 17.Re3 Kh8 18.Qe2 Rg8 19.g3 hxg3 20.Rxg3 Qh4 21.Rb1 Nc5 Zeydan,S (2060)-Khamdamova,A (2139) Chess.com INT 2022 0-1]

7...a5

[7...Ng4 seems wilder. 8.Re2 Na5 9.Nbd2 Nxc4 10.Nxc4 b5]

8.h3 Ba7 9.Bb5 Ne7 The position is equal. **10.d4 Ng6 11.Bd3 Nh5 12.Bf1 c6 13.Bg5 f6 14.Be3 Nhf4 15.Nbd2 Be6 16.a4 Kh8 17.c4 Bd7 18.Ra3**

Ne6 19.Nb3 Bc8 20.h4 Ne7 21.Qd2 b6 22.h5 c5! 23.d5 Nd4 24.Nh2 Qe8 0.08/18

[⌓24...f5 -0.27/19 25.Nxd4 cxd4]

25.Qd1 f5 26.exf5 Nxb3 27.Rxb3 Nxf5 28.g4 Nd4 29.Ra3 Bb8

[29...Rb8 looks sharper. 30.h6 Qg6 31.Bd3 Qf7]

30.f4 Bc7 0.43/20

[30...Bd7= 0.00/16]

31.Bxd4⩲ cxd4 32.Rf3 Bd7 33.Bd3! Bxa4 34.b3 Bd7 35.Bb1 Rf6 36.Qc2

[36.g5!? Rf8 37.fxe5 dxe5 38.Rxf8+ Qxf8 39.Qc2∓]

36...Qg8 37.g5! Rff8⇄ Black has counterplay

[37...Rxf4? 38.Rxf4 exf4 39.Re7+-]

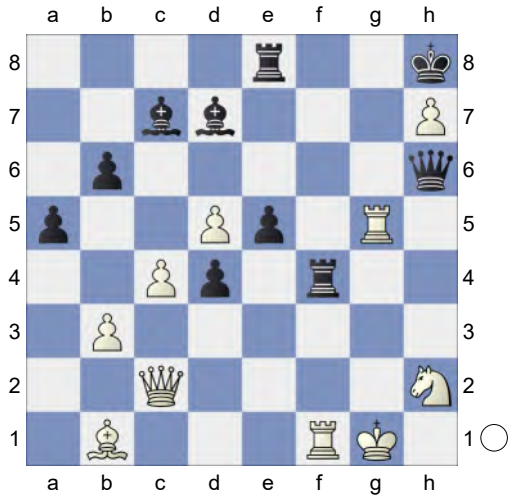
38.fxe5 dxe5 39.g6 Rf6 0.65/18

[39...Rf4= 0.01/18]

40.Ref1! Rf4 41.gxh7 Qf8 42.h6! Re8 1.49/19

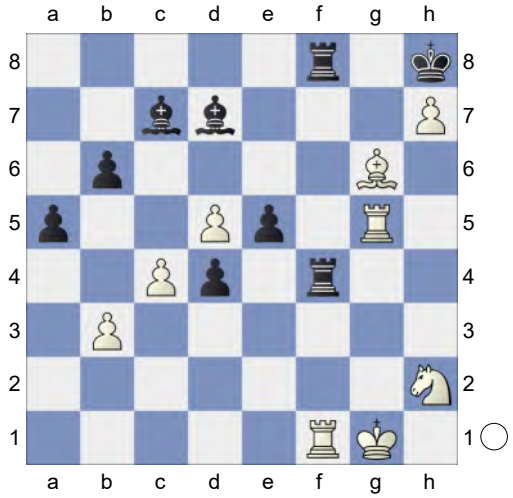
[⌓42...gxh6 0.88/19 43.Kh1 Qf7]

43.Rg3!± g5 44.Rxg5 Qxh6



45.Qg6! The board is on fire. **45...Qxg6 46.Bxg6 Ref8**

(Diagram)

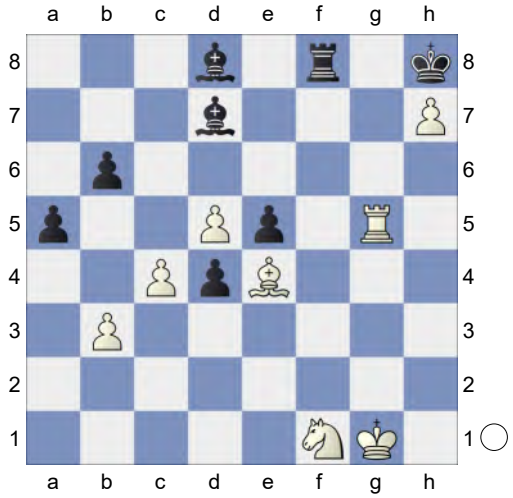


47.Be4! 0.71/19 **Rxf1+**

[47...b5 48.Rxf4]

48.Nxf1 Bd8 1.20/20

[⌓48...Bd6 0.85/21]



49.Rg6! Be8 1.86/21

[49...Be7± 1.36/18]

50.Rg2+- Bf6 51.d6 d3 2.45/22

[51...a4 1.75/20 was worth a try.]

52.Ne3

[Not 52.Bxd3 Bc6 53.Rg4 Bf3=]

52...d2 53.Rxd2 aiming for d7. **53...Bg5 54.Re2 Bh5** Prevents Ng4. **55.Re1 Rd8 56.c5**

[Less strong is 56.Nf5 Bd2 57.Rf1 Bb4⩲]

56...Bxe3+ 3.14/20

[56...bxc5 2.13/21 keeps fighting. 57.Nc4 Bf6]
57.Rxe3 bxc5 Endgame KRB-KRB **58.Rg3 Bf7** Prevents Rg8+. **59.Rf3 Bh5** 3.95/24
[⌓59...Be6 2.51/22 60.Kf2 Kg7]
60.Rf6 Bd1 61.d7 Strongly threatening Bf5. **61...Bg4 62.Kh2 Bxd7 63.Rd6 Kg7 64.Kg3** 3.03/22
[⌓64.Rd1 6.82/29 Kh8 65.Kg3]
64...Kh8 65.Rd5 0.03/21 &Bianco is more active.
[White should play 65.Bd3± 1.09/22]
65...Rb8? 12.82/24 Loses the game. **66.Rxd7 Rxb3+** KRB-KR **67.Kg4** White mates. **67...Rb8 68.Kg5 a4 69.Kh6 a3 70.Ra7 c4 71.Rxa3 Rb6+ 72.Bg6 Rb8 73.Ra6 c3 74.Bc2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
1-0

42 **C52**
□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3075**
■ **TheMatrix2025** **3073**
Blitz 20.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 Illingworth, Max: 'If Kramnik's 9.a3 novelty puts you off 3...Nf6 and 3...e5 also doesn't appeal to you, I'll recommend the following exchange sacrifice as a dangerous, dynamic weapon. It still hasn't been seen in a lot of games and strong players are still being caught out.' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2**
[10.Qb1 simplifies Nxc4 11.Nxc4 Qc6 12.Nxb6 Qxb6 13.dxe5 Qxb1 14.Rxb1 dxe5 15.Nxe5 b6 16.Rd1]
10...Ne7
[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]
11.dxe5 Ng6
[11...0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 b6 26.Nc4 0-1 Adhiban,B (2630)-Nakamura,H (2776) 123/125 Gibraltar 2015]
12.exd6 Qxd6
[12...0-0 keeps more tension. 13.dxc7 Nf4 14.Ba3 Qg4]
13.a4N
[13.e5 Qc6 14.Bd3 Nf4 15.Be4 Qxc3 16.Qb1 Bg4 17.Bb2 Qb4 18.Qc2 0-0-0 19.a3 Qe7 20.Bf5+ Bxf5 21.Qxf5+ Ne6 22.Rac1 Rd7 23.Nc4 Nxc4 24.Rxc4 g6 25.Qh3 h5 26.Nd4 Bxd4 27.Bxd4 Kb8 0-1 Rangeet,M (1512)-Lalith,B (2544) New Delhi op 20th 2023 (2) 28.Bb2 Rhd8 29.Qb3 Rd3 30.Qc2 Qd7 31.h4 Qd5 32.Rc1 Rd2 33.Qb3 Nf4 0-1 Saleh,N (1512)-Sadvakasov,D (2544) Zalaegerszeg 2004 (2)]
13...Bg4

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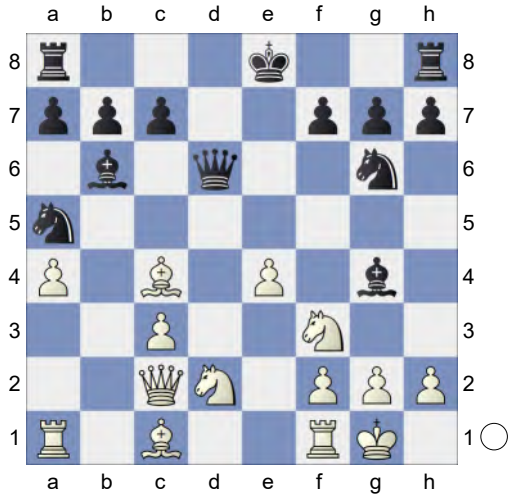

14.Nd4 0-0 15.h3 Bd7 16.Bb5 Rfd8 17.Nc4 Nxc4 18.Bxc4 Ne5 19.Be2 Nc6 The position is equal. **20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.exf5 h6 22.Bf3** White is weak on the dark squares **22...Re8 23.Bd2 Ne5** and ...Nxf3+ would now be decisive **24.Be2 Rad8 25.Rad1 Qe7** Dodges Bg5 **26.Bf4 Qc5 27.Bh5 Nd7 28.c4 Ne5 29.Rfe1** Black must now prevent Rxd8. **29...Rxd1**

[29...Qxc4?! 30.Qxc4 Nxc4 31.Rxe8+ Rxe8 32.Rd7 Re1+ 33.Kh2±]

30.Rxd1

[30.Bxd1? Qxf2+ *(30...Qxc4? 31.Qxc4 Nxc4 32.Rxe8++-; 30...Nf3+? 31.Bxf3 Rxe1+ 32.Kh2-+)* 31.Qxf2 Bxf2+ 32.Kxf2 Nd3+ 33.Kg3 Rxe1-+]

30...c6 Prevents Rd5

[30...Nxc4? perishes. 31.Rc1+-]

31.Be3 This pair of bishops is nice. **31...Qxc4 32.Qxc4 Nxc4 33.Rd7! Nxe3 34.Bxf7+ Kf8 35.Bxe8 Kxe8 36.Rxg7**

[36.Rxb7 Nxf5 37.g4 Ne7∓]

36...Nxf5 37.Rxb7 c5 White should prevent ...c4. **38.a5**

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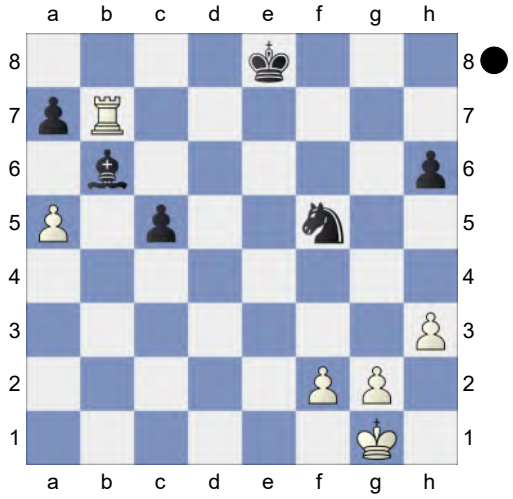

Deflection **38...Bxa5 39.Rxa7 Bd2 40.g4 Nd4 41.Kf1 Bg5 42.Ra5**

[Don't play 42.Rc7 Ne6 43.Ra7 c4=]

42...Nb3 43.Ra4 Nd4 44.Ra5 Nb3 45.Ra4 Nd4 A balanced but interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless) **46.Ra5**

½-½

43 **C54**

□ **saysomething12** **3073**

■ **OCChess** **2806**

Blitz 02.04.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6**

[4...d6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.0-0 *(8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.0-0 Nxg3 12.fxg3 Bg4 13.Qb3 Qe7 14.a3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Na5 16.Bxf7+ Qxf7 17.Qxf7+ Kxf7 18.Ne5+ Ke6 19.Nxg4 Nc4 20.Rf6+ Ke7 21.Rxh6 Rxh6 22.Nxh6 Ne3* 4.♕a4 ♘c6 5. ♘c3 e6-12. ♕d2 e5 13. ♗h6 U.S.A. 1993 200 Traps In The Opening [

IainMackintosh] 1-0 (65)) 8...0-0 9.Re1 Re8 10.h3 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Nxe4 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Rxe4 Kf8 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8 16.Qd3 h6 17.Re1 Qf7 18.Qh7 Bf5 19.Qh8+ 15.de6 ♗e6 16.♘d5_21371 (1454)-4. dxe5 dxe5 5. Qxd8+ (1039) W-ch M corr 2023 The Week in Chess 404 [John Watson] 1-0 (37)]

5.d4

[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte 2022 0-1]

5...exd4 6.e5N

[6.0-0 dxc3 7.Nxc3 0-0 8.Bg5 d6 9.Re1 Re8 10.h3 h6 11.Bh4 a6 12.Nd5 Re6 13.Nxc7 Qxc7 14.Bxe6 Bxe6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qd2 Bb4 17.Qxh6 Bxe1 18.Rxe1 Qe7 19.Qh4 Nb4 20.e5 Nc2 4.♘g5 ♗c5 / 4...d5 5. ed5 -Mecking London 2002 Fritz 12 [Dragan Solak] 1-0 (47) 21.Re2 Rc8 22.exf6 Qf8 23.Qg5+ Kh8 24.Qh5+ Kg8 25.Ng5 Bf5 26.Nxf7 Bh7 27.Qg5+ Kxf7 28.Re7+ Qxe7 29.fxe7 Nd4 30.Qd5+ Ne6 31.Qxb7 Rc1+ 32.Kh2 Bg6 33.Qd7 Kf6 34.Qxd6 a5 35.f4 Bh5 Snijders,P-Wigboldus,D Hengelo 2002 EXT 2005 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (47)]

6...d5 7.Be2 Ne4 8.cxd4 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Nxd2 10.Nbxd2 0-0 11.0-0 f6 12.Bb5 Bg4 0.38/19

[12...Nxd4= 0.00/18 13.Nxd4 fxe5]

13.Bxc6± bxc6 14.Qa4 Bxd2 0.63/18

[14...Rb8= 0.27/17]

15.Nxd2 fxe5 16.dxe5 Qg5

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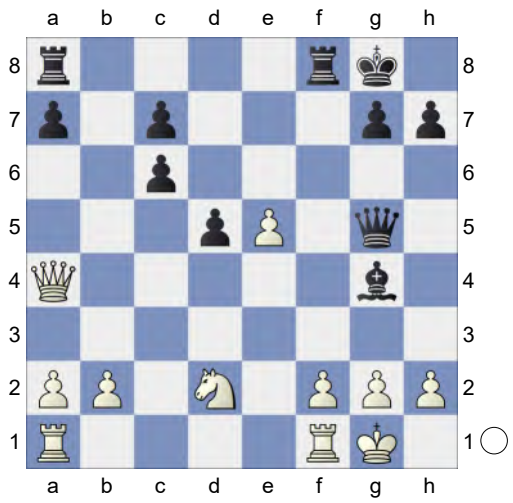


...Bh3 is the strong threat. **17.f4 Qg6 18.Rac1 Rab8 19.Nb3**

[Inferior is 19.Rxc6 Bd7 20.Rxg6 Bxa4∓]

19...Rb6 20.Rf2 h5 21.Qxa7 Rf7 2.00/19

[21...Rb4± 1.32/19]

22.Qa5+- Qe4 2.58/20

[⊿22...h4 1.74/17 23.Qd2 h3]

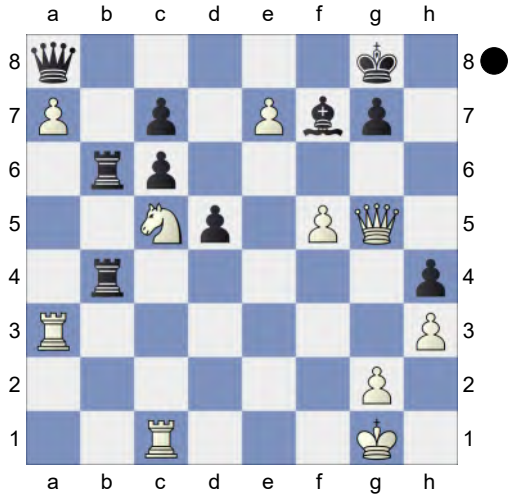
23.Qd2 h4 24.h3 Bc8 25.Nc5 Qg6 26.Rf3 Bf5 27.a4 Rf8 28.a5 Rb5 29.b4 Hoping for Ra3. **29...Rfb8** 4.05/19

[29...Be4 2.63/18 was called for.]

30.a6 Qe8 31.a7 R8b6 8.31/19

[⊿31...Ra8 4.47/20 32.Ra3 Qg6]

32.Ra3 Qa8 33.e6 Rxb4 34.e7 Bg6 35.f5 Bf7 36.Qg5



Threatening mate with f6. **36...Rb1 37.Rxb1** White mates. **37...Rxb1+ 38.Kh2 Rf1 39.Nd7 Kh8 40.Qxh4+ Kg8 41.Qg5 Kh8 42.f6 gxf6 43.Qh6+** Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.49
1-0

44 **C52**
□ **Mithril-SF** **3071**
■ **yobot_v2** **3015**
Blitz 07.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Qe7** Black is slightly better.

[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]

[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]

11.Ba3 f6 12.Bb5+N

[12.Rab1 Bd7 13.Bb4 Rb8 14.a4 Nh6 15.Bd5 c6 16.Ba2 Nf7 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.Nf1 Bc7 19.Ne3 Be6 20.d5 Bd7 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Qd3 Nb7 23.Ba3 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Nc4 Rfd8 26.Qe3 Qxc4 0-1 Zapolskis,A (2257)-Johnson,D (2211) London Mindsports IM 2022 (2)]

12...Bd7 0.00/23

[12...c6!∓ -0.41/23 is more appropriate. 13.Bd3 Bg4]

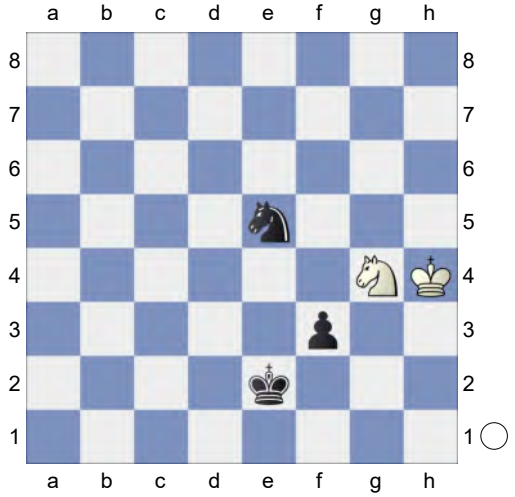
13.Rfb1= The position is equal. **13...a6 14.Bxd7+ Qxd7 15.d5 Bc5 16.Bxc5 dxc5 17.Nb3! Nxb3 18.Qxb3 b6 19.a4 Ne7 20.a5 Nc8 21.c4 0-0 22.Qd3 Qd8 23.Qb3 Qd7 24.Qc2 Qd8 25.Qb2 Qd7 26.Qc2 Qd8 27.Qb2 Qd7 28.Nd2 Nd6 29.axb6 Rfb8 30.b7! Rxb7 31.Qa3 Rxb1+ 32.Rxb1 a5 33.Qxc5 a4 34.Qa3 h6 35.h3 Kh7 36.f3 h5 37.Kh2 h4 38.Rb2 Qe8 39.Kg1 Qd7 40.Kh1 Qe8 41.Kg1 Qd7 42.Kh2 Qe8 43.Kh1 Qd7 44.Kg1 Qe8 45.Kh1 Qd7 46.Rb1 Qe8 47.Kh2 Qd7 48.c5 Nb5 49.Qb4 Nd4 50.Nc4 Qe8 51.Kh1 Qc8 52.f4 Qe8 53.d6 cxd6 54.cxd6 exf4 55.Nb6 Nc6 56.Qe1 Rb8 57.Qxh4+ Kg8**

[57...Kg6 feels hotter. 58.Qg4+ Kh7 59.d7 Qxe4 60.Rc1 a3]

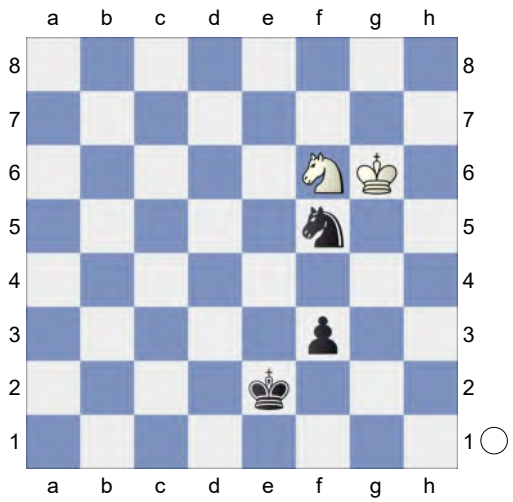
58.Qxf4 Ne5 59.Qc1 Kh8 60.Nd5 Rxb1 61.Qxb1 Endgame KQN-KQN. White is a pawn up. **61...Nf7 62.Qb4 Kh7 63.Ne7** and e5! should not be overlooked **63...g6 64.Qd4 Kg7 65.Nd5 Qe5 66.Qxa4 Nxd6 67.Qa7+ Nf7 68.Qe3 Qa1+ 69.Kh2 Qe5+ 70.Kh1 Nd6 71.Qa7+ Nf7 72.Qe7 Qxe7 73.Nxe7** KN-KN. White is a pawn up. **73...Ng5 74.Nc6 Nxe4 75.Kh2 f5 76.Nb4 g5 77.g3 f4 78.gxf4 gxf4 79.h4 Ng3 80.h5 Nxh5 81.Kh3 Kf6 82.Kg2 Kf5 83.Na2 Ng3 84.Nc1 Ke4 85.Kh3 Ke3** (→ ...Ne4) **86.Na2! Ne2**

[86...Ne4!? 87.Nb4□ f3 88.Nd5+ Kd4=]

87.Nb4 f3 88.Nd5+ Kd2 89.Nf6 Nf4+
[89...f2!? 90.Ne4+□ Ke3 91.Nxf2 Kxf2=]
90.Kh2 Ke3
[90...f2!? 91.Ne4+□ Ke3 92.Nxf2 Kxf2=]
91.Kg3 Ke2 92.Ng4 Nd3 93.Kh4 Nb4 94.Kg3 Nd3 95.Kh4 Ne5!?



(→ ...Nxg4). Deflection, Promotion
96.Nf6! Ng6+
[96...f2!? 97.Ne4□= Nf3+ *(97...f1Q 98.Ng3+ Kf3 99.Nxf1=; 97...Ng6+ 98.Kg4=)* 98.Kh5 f1Q *(98...f1N 99.Ng3+ Nxg3+ 100.Kh6=)* 99.Ng3+ Kf2 100.Nxf1 Kxf1=]
[96...Nc4=]
97.Kh5 Nf4+
[97...f2!? 98.Ne4□ f1Q *(98...f1R 99.Kxg6 Kd3 100.Nf6=; 98...Nf4+ 99.Kh6=)* 99.Ng3+ Kf3 100.Nxf1 Nh8=]
98.Kg5 Ne6+
[98...Nd3!?]
99.Kh5! Ng7+
[99...f2!? 100.Ne4□ Ng7+ *(100...f1B 101.Ng3+ Kf3 102.Nxf1=)* 101.Kg6 f1Q 102.Ng3+ Kf3 103.Nxf1 Kg4=]
100.Kg6 Nf5
(Diagram)



Promotion **101.Ne4! Ne7+ 102.Kh5 Nd5 103.Kg4 Ke3 104.Kf5! Ne7+ 105.Ke5 Nc6+ 106.Kf5 Ne7+ 107.Ke5 Nc6+ 108.Kd5 Nb4+ 109.Ke5 Nd3+ 110.Kf5 Nc5** Deflection, Promotion **111.Nf6 Kf2**
[111...f2!? 112.Ng4+□ Kf3=]
112.Kg5 Kg3 (→ ...f2) **113.Ng4! Ne4+ 114.Kf5 Nd6+ 115.Kg5 Nf7+ 116.Kh5 Nd6 117.Kg5 Ne4+ 118.Kf5 Nc5 119.Kg5! Ne6+ 120.Kh5 Ng7+ 121.Kg5 Ne6+ 122.Kh5 Nf4+ 123.Kg5 Nd5 124.Kf5 Ne7+ 125.Kg5 Ng8 126.Kh5 Nh6** Deflection, Promotion **127.Nf6 Kf4 128.Nd5+ Ke4 129.Nc3+ Kd3 130.Nd1 Ke2 131.Nc3+ Kd3 132.Nd1 Ke2 133.Nc3+ Kd2**
[133...Ke1!? 134.Ne4□ Nf5= *(134...Ng8=)*]
134.Ne4+ Ke3 135.Ng3 Nf5 136.Nh1 Ke2 And now ...Kf1 would win. **137.Kg4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.00 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
137...Ne3+
½-½

45 **C52**
□ **Mithril-SF** **3070**
■ **MateAI** **3026**
Blitz 07.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4** 0.09/23

[6...d6!∓ -0.36/20]

7.Qb3 Qe7 8.0-0 Bb6

[8...Qxe4? 9.Bxf7+ *(9.Re1 Qxe1+ 10.Nxe1 Nf6+-)* 9...Kf8 10.Re1+-]

9.cxd4 Nxd4

[9...Qxe4? 10.Re1+- *(10.Bxf7+ Kd8+-)*]

10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Nc3! Nf6 12.Rd1N -0.29/20

[⚠12.Ba3 0.16/20 d6 13.Rad1 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Qe5 15.Qc1 *(15.Qxe5+ dxe5 16.f4 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.fxe5 Nd7 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Bd6 Kd8 21.Ba3 Ke8 22.Bd6 Kd8 23.Ba3 Ke8 24.Bd6* ½-½ Kovalevskaya,E (2486)-Stefanova,A (2497) EU-Cup (Women) 07th 2002 (4.2)*)* 15...0-0 16.Bb2 Qe7 17.e5 Ne8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.exd6 Nxd6 20.Bb3 Rfe8 21.Rd3 Nf5 22.Rf3 Nh4 23.Rfe3 Nf5 24.Rf3 ½-½ Jirk,J (2383)-Advance Caro-Kann: Short Vari,6 (2451) 154/(201) Istanbul 2022]

[12.Nb5 d5 13.exd5 Bxa1 14.Ba3 Qe5 15.f4 Bd4+ 16.Kh1 Qe3 17.Nxd4 Qxb3 18.Re1+ Kd8 19.Be7+ Kd7 20.Nxb3 c6 21.d6 b6 22.Bxf7 c5 23.Nd2 Kc6 24.Nc4 Bf5 25.Ne5+ Kb7 26.a4 h5 Gaujens,A-Azmaiparshvili,Z X Open Salou ESP 2008 27.Bxf6 gxf6 28.Bd5+ Ka6 29.Bc4+ Kb7 30.Bd5+ Ka6 31.Bc4+ Kb7 ½-½ Pink,J (2701)-Payet,A (2626) San Bernardino op 1989 (8)]

12...Be5= ...0-0 is the strong threat.

13.f4 Bxc3

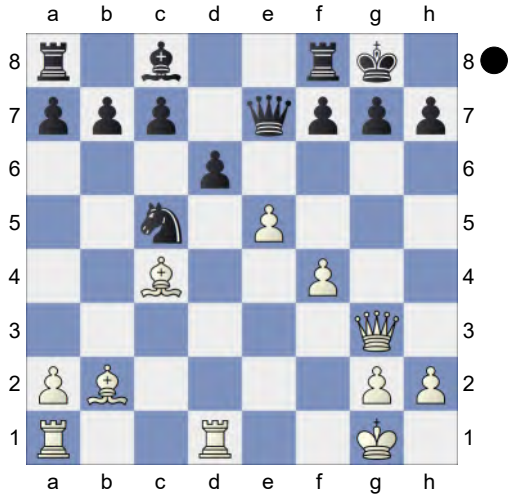
[13...Ng4 14.Bxf7+ Kd8 15.Nd5 Qh4]

14.Qxc3 The position is equal. **14...0-0!**

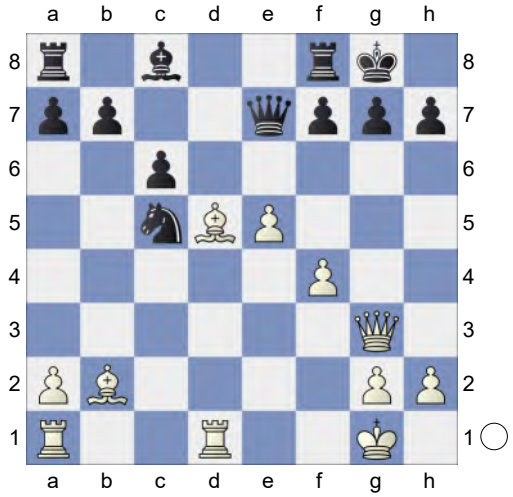
15.e5 Ne4 16.Qe3 Nc5!

[16...Qc5? 17.Rd4 d5 18.Ba3 *(18.Bxd5 Qc3=)* 18...dxc4 19.Bxc5 Nxc5 20.f5+- *(20.Rxc4 b6+-)*]

17.Bb2 d6 18.Qg3



d5 19.Bxd5 next Ba3 is good for White. A strong pair of Bishops. **19...c6**



20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Ba3! Rd8 22.Qe3 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Bg4 24.Bxc5 Qb7 25.Re1 Black is weak on the dark

squares **25...Be6 26.Qf2 Qd7 27.h3 h6 28.Bd6 Rc8 29.Rf1 g6 30.Qe3 Kh7 31.a3 Qb7 32.Qc5 a6 33.Qc2 Rg8 34.Kh2 Qb6 35.a4 Bf5 36.Qc3 Be6 37.Bc5 Qb7 38.a5 Qb5 39.Rd1 Qe2 40.Rd2 Qe1**

[40...Qe4 41.Be3 Bd5 42.Qd4 Qxd4 43.Bxd4 Be6]

41.Bb6 Rb8 42.Rd3 Qf1 43.Rf3 Qb5 44.Rf2 Rc8 45.Qc5 Qd3 46.Qd6 Qc3 47.Qc5 Qe1 48.Rc2 Qe4 49.Rf2 Qe1 50.Rb2 Qe4 51.Qe3 Qa4 52.Rd2 c5 53.Rd6

[53.Bxc5? Rxc5 54.Rd6 Qc2-+ *(54...Qxa5 55.Rxa6 Qxa6 56.Qxc5-+; 54...Rxa5 55.Rxe6 fxe6 56.Qa7+ Kh8 57.Qb8+ Kh7 58.Qc7+ Kg8 59.Qc8+ Kg7 60.Qc7+ Kf8 61.Qd8+ Qe8 62.Qxa5=)*]

53...Qa2 54.Qf3

[54.Bxc5? Bd5 55.Rxd5 *(55.Rxa6? Qxg2#; 55.Qf2? Rxc5 56.Qxa2 Bxa2-+)* 55...Qxd5-+]

54...Rb8 55.Qe3 Bd5 56.Qg3 Be6 57.Qh4 Bf5 58.Qe1

[58.Bxc5? Rb2-+]

58...Be6 59.Qg1

[59.Bxc5 Bd5 60.Qf2 *(60.Rxa6? Qxg2#)* 60...Rb2∓]

59...Rc8 60.Qd1

[60.Bxc5 Qxa5 61.Be3 Rc2]

60...Rb8 61.Qg1 Bd5 62.Qf1

[62.Qxc5? Qxg2#]

[62.Bxc5? Rb2-+]

62...Kg8 63.f5

[63.Qxa6? Qxg2#]

[63.Bxc5? Bxg2 64.Qf2 *(64.Qxg2? Rb2-+* Pin *)* 64...Rb2 65.Kxg2 *(65.Rd8+? Kh7-+)* 65...Rxf2+ 66.Bxf2 Qxa5-+]

[63.Kg1 simplifies Be4 64.Qf2 Qxf2+ 65.Kxf2 Rc8 66.g4]

63...gxf5 64.Bxc5

[64.Qxa6? Qxg2#]

64...f4 65.Bd4 And now e6 would win.

[65.Rxa6 Rb2 66.Kh1 Rb1 *(66...Rxg2 67.Ra8+ Bxa8 68.Bf2 Rxf2+* Discovered Attack (Check) *69.Kg1 Rg2+ 70.Kh1 Rh2+ 71.Kg1 Rh1#; 66...Bxg2+ 67.Qxg2+* Remove Defender *Rxg2 68.Ra8+ Kh7 69.Bg1 Rg3 70.Rh8+ Kxh8 71.Bf2 Qd5+ 72.Kh2 Qg2#)*]

65...f3 66.Qf2

[66.Rxa6? is the wrong capture. fxg2 *(66...Bc4? 67.Qxf3 Bxa6 68.Qg4+ Kf8 69.Bc5+ Ke8 70.Qg8+* Skewer *Kd7 71.Qxb8+-)* 67.Qf2 g1B+ 68.Kxg1 Qb1+ *(68...Rb1+ 69.Kh2=)* 69.Qf1 Qe4-+ *(69...Qxf1+? 70.Kxf1 Bc4+ 71.Kg2-+; 69...Bc4? 70.Qxb1 Rxb1+ 71.Kf2-+)*]

[66.Rxh6 keeps more tension. Qd2 67.Rb6 Rc8 68.Qf2]

66...Qxf2 67.Bxf2 Rb5 68.gxf3 Rxa5 69.Rxh6 Bxf3 70.e6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless) **70...Rg5**

½-½

46 **C52**

□ **Mithril-SF** **3069**

■ **PetersBot** **3005**

Blitz 07.08.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Qe7** Black has an edge.

[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3

Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]

[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]

11.Ba3 f6 12.Bb5+N

[12.Rab1 Bd7 13.Bb4 Rb8 14.a4 Nh6 15.Bd5 c6 16.Ba2 Nf7 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.Nf1 Bc7 19.Ne3 Be6 20.d5 Bd7 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Qd3 Nb7 23.Ba3 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Nc4 Rfd8 26.Qe3 Qxc4 0-1 Zapolskis,A (2257)-Johnson,D (2211) London Mindsports IM 2022 (2)]

12...c6 13.Bd3 Nh6 14.c4 c5 0.19/21 Wards off Bb4

[⊿14...0-0 -0.17/23]

15.d5= White has compensation.

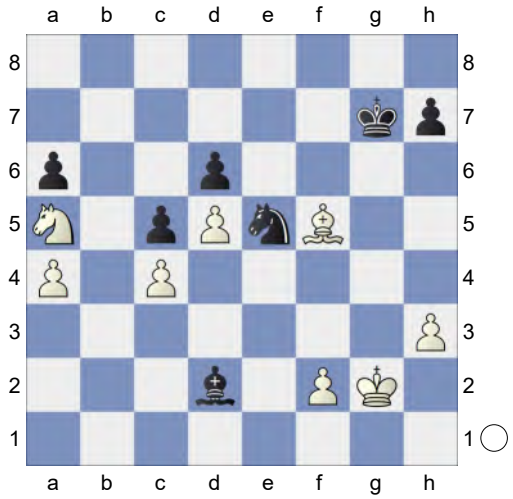
15...0-0 16.Bb2 Bd8 17.a4 g6 18.h3 Qg7 19.Rae1 Bd7 20.Bc3 b6 21.g4 f5 22.gxf5 gxf5+ 23.Kh1! Kh8

[23...fxe4? 24.Rg1 Ng4 25.Rxe4 Nxf2+ 26.Kh2+-]

24.Rg1 Qf7 25.exf5 Qh5! 26.Kh2 Bxf5

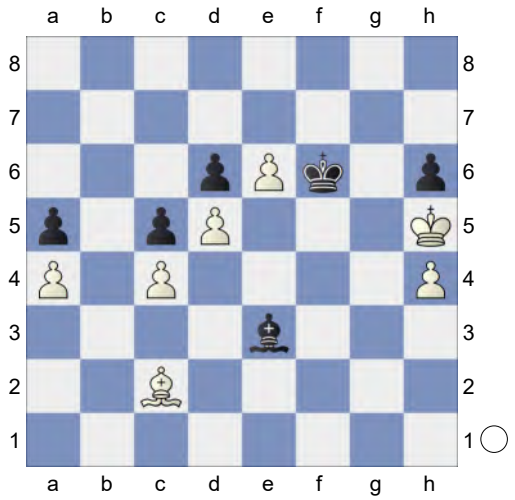
[Don't play 26...Nxf5 27.Nxe5 Nd4 *(27...dxe5? loses. 28.Rxe5 Bf6 29.Bxf5+-)* 28.Nxd7±]

27.Rg3 Bf6 28.Reg1 Rg8 ...Ng4+ would now be deadly. **29.Ne4** Chess con chili. **29...Bxe4 30.Bxe4 Rxg3 31.Rxg3 Nf7** Black is weak on the light squares **32.Qe2 Rf8! 33.Bd3 Qh6 34.Bd2** A strong pair of Bishops. **34...Qh5 35.Bc3 Qh6 36.Nd2** Ne4 is in the air **36...Bg5! 37.Kg2 Bf4 38.Rg4 Rg8 39.Rxg8+ Kxg8 40.Bxa5 bxa5 41.Qg4+ Qg7** The position is equal. **42.Qxg7+ Kxg7** Endgame KBN-KBN. Black is a pawn up. **43.Nb3 e4 44.Bxe4 Ne5 45.Nxa5 a6 46.Bf5** Strongly threatening Bc8. **46...Bd2**



47.f4! Bxa5 48.fxe5 KB-KB. White is a pawn up. **48...Bc7 49.e6 h6 50.Kg3 Ba5 51.Bd3 Bd2 52.Kg4 Kf6 53.Be2 Ke7 54.Kf5 a5 55.Kg6 Bg5 56.Kh7 Bd2 57.Bd1 Be3 58.Bc2 Bd2 59.Bd3 Bc1 60.Be2 Bd2 61.Kg6 Bg5 62.Kh5 Kf6 63.Bd3 Ke7 64.Bb1 Bd2 65.Kg6 Bf4 66.Kf5 Bd2 67.Kg6 Bg5 68.Kf5 Bc1 69.Be4 Be3 70.Bf3 Bd2 71.Ke4 Bg5 72.Be2 Bh4 73.Bd3 Bg5 74.Kf5 Bh4 75.Kg6 Bg5! 76.Kf5 Bd2 77.Kg4 Bg5 78.Kf3 Bd2 79.Bf5 Kf6 80.Be4 Ke7 81.Bg6 Bg5 82.Bh5 Bc1 83.Bg6 Bg5 84.Ke4 Kf6 85.Be8 Ke7 86.Bh5 Kf6 87.Kf3 Ke7 88.Bg6 Bd2 89.Bf5 Bg5 90.Bc2 Bh4 91.Ke4 Kf6 92.Bd3 Bg5 93.Bc2 Ke7 94.Kf5 Bd2 95.h4 Be1 96.Kg4 Bd2 97.Kg3 Be3 98.Kg2 Bc1 99.Bd1 Kf6 100.Bc2 Bd2 101.Kh2 Bf4+ 102.Kg2 Bd2 103.Kf3 Be1 104.Kg4 Bd2 105.Bd3 Bc3 106.Kh5 Bd2 107.Kg4 Be3 108.Be2**

Bd2 109.Kh5 Bc1 110.Bd3 Bd2 111.Be4 Bf4 112.Kg4 Bd2 113.Kh5 Bf4 114.Kg4 Bd2 115.Bc2 Bc3 116.Kh5 Bd2 117.Bd1 Be3 118.Bc2 Bd2 119.Bg6 Ke7 120.Bf5 Kf6 121.Bc2 Be3



122.Bf5! Deflection, Promotion
122...Bd2 123.Bg6 Be3 124.Be8 Bc1 125.Bc6 Be3 126.Kg4 Bd2 127.Kf3 Bc3 128.Ke3 Ke7 129.h5 Be5 130.Kd3 Bd4 131.Bd7 Bb2 132.Ke4 Bc1 133.Kf5 Bg5 134.Kg6 Kf8 135.Bc8 Bc1 136.Bd7 Bg5 137.Kf5 Bh4 138.Bb5 Bg5 139.Bc6 Bd2 140.Bd7 Bc1 141.Bc8 Ke7 142.Kg6 Kf8 143.Kf5 Bg5 144.Bb7 Bd2 145.Bc6 Bg5 146.Bd7 Ke7 147.Ke4 Kf6 148.Be8 Bd2 149.Bf7 Bg5 150.Be8 Bc1 151.Bg6 Ke7 152.Kf5 Bg5 153.Bf7 Bd2 154.Kg6 Kf8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
155.Kh7 Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?
1-0

47 **C52**
□ **M-Z_Bot** **3069**
■ **BitByByte** **2884**
Blitz 07.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 7.Qb3 Qe7 8.0-0 Bb6**
[8...Qxe4? 9.Bxf7+ *(9.Re1 Qxe1+ 10.Nxe1 Nge7+-)* 9...Kd8 10.Ng5+- *(10.Bxg8 h6+-; 10.Re1 Qxe1+ 11.Nxe1 Nge7+-)*]
9.cxd4 The position is equal. **9...Nxd4**
[9...Qxe4? 10.Re1+- *(10.Bxf7+ Kf8+-)*]
10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Nc3! Strongly threatening Ba3. **11...Nf6 12.Rd1N** White has compensation.
[12.Nb5 d5 13.exd5 Bxa1 14.Ba3 Qe5 15.f4 Bd4+ 16.Kh1 Qe3 17.Nxd4 Qxb3 18.Re1+ Kd8 19.Be7+ Kd7 20.Nxb3 c6 21.d6 b6 22.Bxf7 c5 23.Nd2 Kc6 24.Nc4 Bf5 25.Ne5+ Kb7 26.a4 h5 Gaujens,A-Azmaiparshvili,Z X Open Salou ESP 2008 27.Bxf6 gxf6 28.Bd5+ Ka6 29.Bc4+ Kb7 30.Bd5+ Ka6 31.Bc4+ Kb7 ½-½ Pink,J (2701)-Payet,A (2626) San Bernardino op 1989 (8)]
[12.Ba3 d6 13.Rad1 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Qe5 15.Qc1 *(15.Qxe5+ dxe5 16.f4 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.fxe5 Nd7 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Bd6 Kd8 21.Ba3 Ke8 22.Bd6 Kd8 23.Ba3 Ke8 24.Bd6* ½-½ Kovalevskaya,E (2486)-Stefanova,A (2497) EU-Cup (Women) 07th 2002 (4.2)*)* 15...0-0 16.Bb2 Qe7 17.e5 Ne8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.exd6 Nxd6 20.Bb3 Rfe8 21.Rd3 Nf5 22.Rf3 Nh4 23.Rfe3 Nf5 24.Rf3 ½-½ Jirk,J (2383)-Advance Caro-

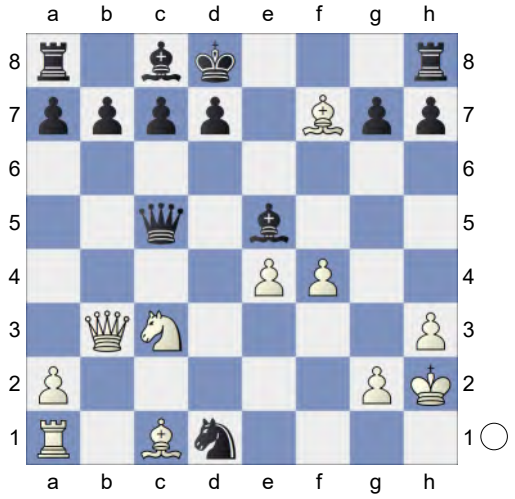
Kann: Short Vari,6 (2451) 154/(201) Istanbul 2022]

12...Be5 13.f4! Ng4 (→ ...Qc5+)
14.h3!

[14.fxe5 Qc5+]

[14.Ba3 Qh4 15.fxe5 *(15.Bxf7+ Kd8∓)* 15...Qxh2+ 16.Kf1 Qh1+ *(16...Qxe5 17.Bxf7+ Kd8 18.Nd5±)* 17.Ke2 Qxg2+ 18.Kd3 Nxe5+ 19.Ke3 Qg5+ 20.Kf2 Qf4+ 21.Kg2 Qf3+ 22.Kg1 Qg3+ 23.Kf1 d6-+]

14...Qc5+ 15.Kh1 Active counter play!
15...Nf2+ 16.Kh2 Nxd1 Pin **17.Bxf7+ Kd8!**



18.Nd5 Bd6

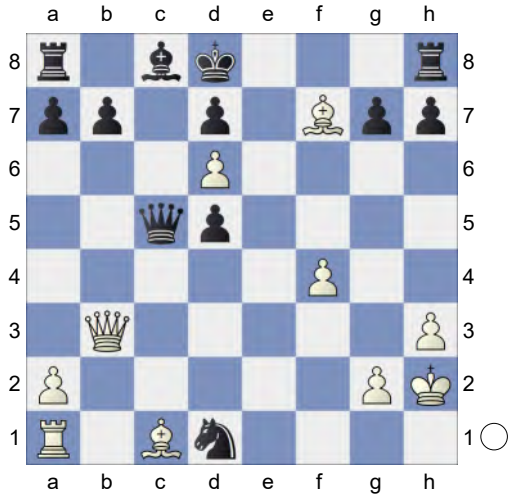
[18...Bxa1 19.Ba3± *(19.Qxd1? c6-+)*]

19.e5 c6 1.26/20

[19...Bf8!= 0.00/22 keeps the balance.]

20.exd6± cxd5

(Diagram)



21.Ba3! Some like it hot **21...Qe3**

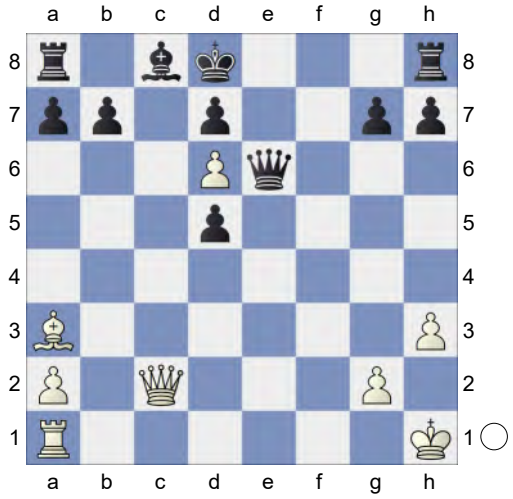
[21...Qd4 22.Rxd1 Qxf4+ 23.Kg1 Qxf7 24.Qc3=]

22.Qxd1→ White has some attack.
22...Qxf4+

[22...Qxa3? perishes. 23.Qxd5 Qc3 24.Qg5+ Qf6 25.Qc5 Qxf4+ 26.Kh1+-]

23.Kh1 Qxf7 24.Qc2! White stays focused until the end. **24...Qe6** 3.81/21

[24...Qf4= 0.00/21 and Black stays safe.]



Prevents Re1 **25.Bb4!+- Qe4 26.Qc3 b6?** 4.46/22

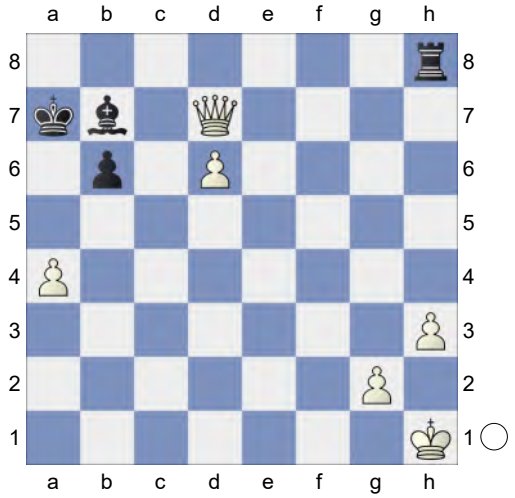
[26...d4 2.70/23 27.Qc5 Ke8]

27.Qxg7 Ba6 And now ...Re8 would

win. **28.Qxh8+ Qe8 29.Qxh7** Black is weak on the dark squares **29...Kc8 30.Re1 Qf8 31.Qh5 Kb7 32.Qxd5+ Kb8 33.a4 Qc8 34.Qf3 Bb7 35.Qf7 a5** 6.88/20

[⌓35...Qc2 4.38/18 36.Qf8+ *(36.Qxd7? Qxg2#; 36.Re8+ Bc8+-)* 36...Bc8]

36.Re8 Pin **36...axb4 37.Rxc8+ Bxc8** Endgame KQ-KRB **38.Qc4 Ka7 39.Qxb4 Rb8 40.Qb5 Bb7 41.Qxd7 Rh8**



42.a5! bxa5 43.Qb5 a4 44.d7 Rxh3+ 45.Kg1 Rh8 46.Qxa4+ Kb8 47.Qa5 23.80/22

[⌓47.Qf4+ #23/14 Ka8 48.Qd4 Rg8 49.d8Q+ *(49.d8B Rxg2+ 50.Kf1 Ra2+-; 49.d8R+ Rxd8 50.Qxd8+ Ka7 51.g4 Ba6 52.g5 Kb7 53.Qd5+ Kb6 54.Qd6+ Kb7)* 49...Rxd8 50.Qxd8+ Ka7 51.g4 Ka6 52.g5]

47...Bc8 48.d8R 23.80/19 **Rxd8 49.Qxd8 Kb7 50.Qd6** Threatening mate with Kf2. **50...Ka8 51.Qc7** White mates. **51...Bb7 52.Kf2 Bxg2 53.Ke3 Bh1 54.Kd4 Bb7 55.Kc5 Ka7 56.Kb5 Ka8 57.Kb6 Bh1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) / Black=0.66 **58.Qa7#**

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48 **C54**

□ **TheMatrix2025** **3067**

■ **cinder-bot** **2921**

Blitz 28.02.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 2min+8sec C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 0-0 6.c3N**

[6.a4 a6 *(6...a5 7.c3 d5 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Re1 Bg4 10.Nbd2 Nb6 11.Bb5 Bd6 12.h3 Bh5 13.Ne4 f5 14.Ng3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Ne7 16.Bg5 c6 17.Bc4+ Nxc4 18.dxc4 e4 19.Nxe4 fxe4 20.Qxe4 Rf7 21.Rad1* 1-0 4.d4 ♘f6 5. ♗c4 (2804)-C 06/32 (2785) corr 1901 (6)*)* 7.Bg5 *(7.c3 Ba7 8.Re1 d6 9.h3 b5 10.Bb3 b4 11.a5 Rb8 12.Nbd2 Be6 13.Bc2 h6 14.Nf1 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Bd2 b3 17.Bb1 Qd6 18.Qe2 Rbe8 19.Ra3 f5 20.Nxe5 Bd7 21.d4 Nxd4* ½-½ 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 ♘c6 (2791)-C 06/30 (2809) cr AR ch 1984 (5.1)*)* 7...h6 8.Bh4 Be7 9.Bg3 d6 10.c3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Qe8 13.Nbd2 b6 14.Qb3 Qd7 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 Nd8 17.Rac1 b5 18.axb5 axb5 19.d5 Re8 20.Nd4 Bf8 Italian Game-5.d3 0-0 6.a4 Survey 2018]

[6.Re1 d6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Be6 9.Nc3 Nd4 10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Qf3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Bxc4 13.dxc4 g5 14.Bg3 Nd7 15.h4 gxh4 16.Bh2 Qg5 17.Re3 Kh8 18.Qe2 Rg8 19.g3 hxg3 20.Rxg3 Qh4 0-1 Zeydan,S (2060)-Khamdamova,A (2139) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (9)]

6...d6 7.h3 h6 8.Re1 a6 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.b4 Nxc4 The position is equal. **11.bxc5 Nxd2 12.Qxd2 Re8 13.cxd6**

cxd6 14.a4 b6 15.Ra3 Bd7 16.c4 b5 17.cxb5 axb5 18.a5 d5 19.Qb4! Ra6 20.Bd2 Qb8 21.Rc1 dxe4 22.dxe4 Bc6 23.Re1 Re6 24.Rd3 Qa8 25.Rde3 Nh5 0.80/20

[25...Kh7= 0.28/22 remains equal.]

26.Bc3± f6 0.99/22

[26...Qe8± 0.63/21 was preferable.]

27.g3 Black is weak on the dark squares

27...Kh7 28.Rd3 0.55/21

[White should play 28.Rd1± 1.04/21]

28...Re8 0.92/20

[28...Bb7± 0.55/21]

29.Nh4 Rd8 30.Rxd8 Qxd8 31.Nf5 Qd7 1.07/22

[31...Qd3± 0.65/21]

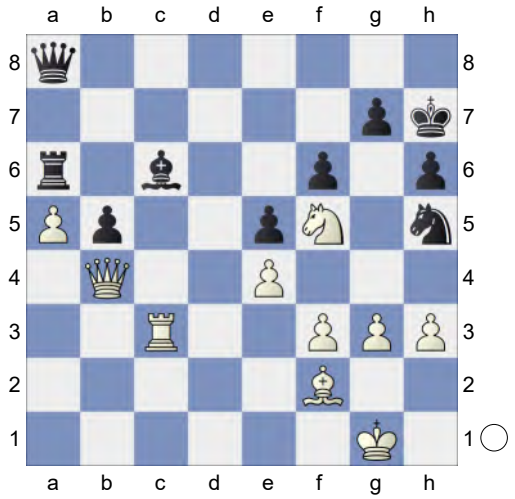
32.Bd2 Qd3 33.Re3↑ Keeping Black busy. **33...Qd7 34.Be1 Ra7 35.Rc3 Ra6** 2.03/21

[35...Qe6± 1.29/21 36.Qd6 Qxd6 37.Nxd6 Ra6]

36.f3+- Qa7+ 2.81/22

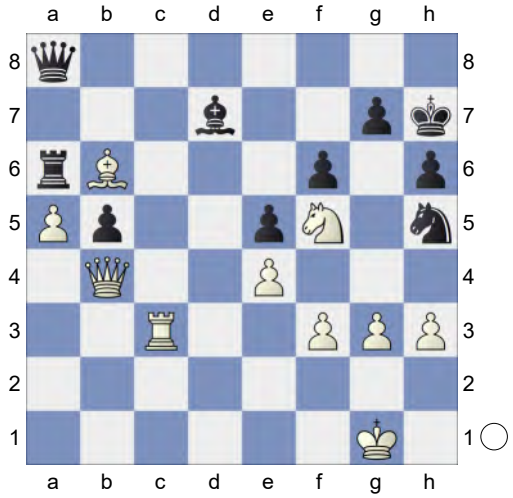
[⌓36...Qd8 1.87/21 37.Rc5 Bd7]

37.Bf2 Qa8



38.Bb6 Bd7

(Diagram)



39.Kf2! Bxf5 40.exf5 Qd5 41.Rc2 Against Qd2+. Active counter play! **41...Qd3 42.Rd2 Qxf5 43.g4**

[43.Qxb5 Qg5 44.Qd3+ e4 45.Qxa6 *(45.Qxe4+ f5∓)* 45...Qxd2+ 46.Qe2 e3+ 47.Bxe3 Qxa5±]

43...Qf4 44.Qb1+

[44.Qxb5? Qxd2+ 45.Kf1 Ng3+ 46.Kg1 Qe2 *(46...Ne2+? 47.Kf1-+)* 47.Qxe2 Nxe2+-+]

44...f5 45.Qxf5+ Qxf5 46.gxf5 Endgame KRB-KRN **46...Kg8** 5.59/25

[46...b4 3.75/22 might work better. 47.Ke3 Ng3]

47.Rd5 Nf4 48.Rxb5

[48.Rxe5? Nd3+ *(48...Nxh3+?* is the wrong capture. *49.Ke3+-)* 49.Ke3 Nxe5-+]

48...Nxh3+ 49.Ke3 Ng5 50.Rxe5 Ra8 51.Rd5 Nf7 Prevents Rd8+. **52.Kf4 Kh7 53.Rd7 Kg8 54.Kg3 Kf8 55.Bc5+ Kg8 56.Bb6** -0.01/20

[56.Ra7+- 5.69/23 Rc8 57.Bb4]

This move loses the game for Black.

56...h5? 8.00/22

[56...Kf8= -0.01/20 57.Ra7 Rc8]

57.Kh4 Nh6 58.Rd8+ Rxd8 59.Bxd8 Nxf5+ 60.Kxh5 KB-KN. White is a pawn up. **60...Nd6 61.Bb6 Nc4 62.Bc7** a6 would kill now. **62...Na3 63.Kg6 Nb5**

64.Bb6 11.87/24
[⌓64.Bb8 #20/28 Nc3 65.a6 Nd5 66.a7 Nb6 67.Bc7 Na8 68.Bd6 Kh8 69.Be5]
64...Kf8 65.a6 White mates. **65...Ke7 66.a7 Nxa7 67.Bxa7** KB-KP **67...Kd6 68.Bd4 Kd5 69.Bxg7 Kd6 70.f4 Kc7 71.f5 Kd6 72.f6 Kc6 73.f7 Kb5 74.f8Q Kb6 75.Qd6+ Kb5 76.Qd5+ Kb4 77.Bd4 Ka4 78.Qc4+ Ka3 79.Qb5 Ka2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.39
80.Qb2#
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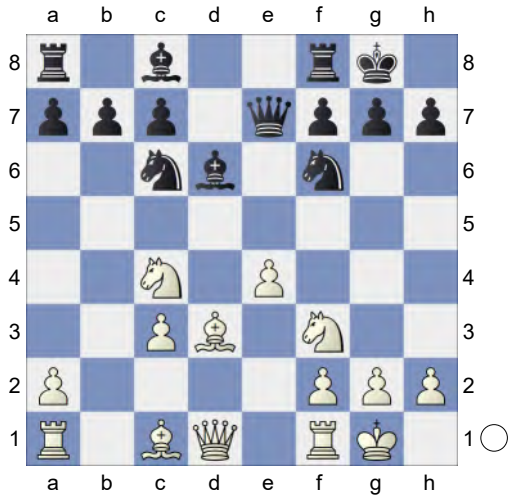
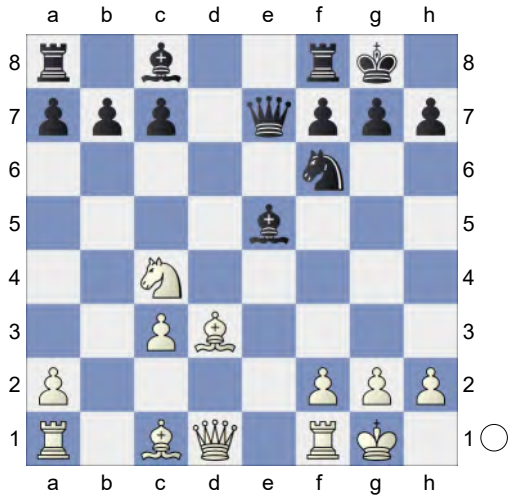
49 **C51**
□ **No-StockFish-Bots** **3063**
■ **Phalanx-XXV** **2471**
Blitz 08.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C51: Evans Gambit: Declined and Accepted without 5...Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Be7 6.d4 Na5 7.Bd3 d6 8.dxe5 Nc6**
[8...dxe5 9.Nxe5 Nf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qc2 Qd6 *(11...c5 12.Nd2 Qc7 13.f4 b6 14.c4 Nh5 15.g3 f6 16.Nef3 Nc6* 18) Italian Opening: Evans Ga-6.d4 Na5 7.Bd3 Gambit Buster: 1.e4 e5 2024*)* 12.Nf3 Rd8 13.Be2 Qc6 14.Nbd2 Be6 15.e5 Nd5 16.Ne4 Nb4 17.Qb1 Bxa2 18.Rxa2 Nxa2 19.Bg5 Nxc3 20.Nxc3 Bxg5 21.Nxg5 Qg6 22.Nce4 h6 23.Nf3 ½-½ Gonzalez,J (2619)-Rognon,R (2641) II 107/255 Lubbock 2009 (3)]
9.exd6 Bxd6N The position is equal.
[9...cxd6 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Nd4 0-0 12.Nd2 d5 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.e5 Nd7 15.Re1 Nc5 16.Bc2 f6 17.exf6 Rxf6 18.Nb3 Rf7 19.Nxc5 Bxc5 20.Qh5 h6 21.Qg6 Rxf2 22.Be3 Bxe3 23.Rxe3 Rxc2 24.Qxc2 1-0 Losev,D (2340)-Frog,I (2225) Moscow op 1989]
10.Na3 Nf6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Nc4 e5 is the strong threat. **12...Qe7** 2.26/17
[12...Bg4± 0.38/20]



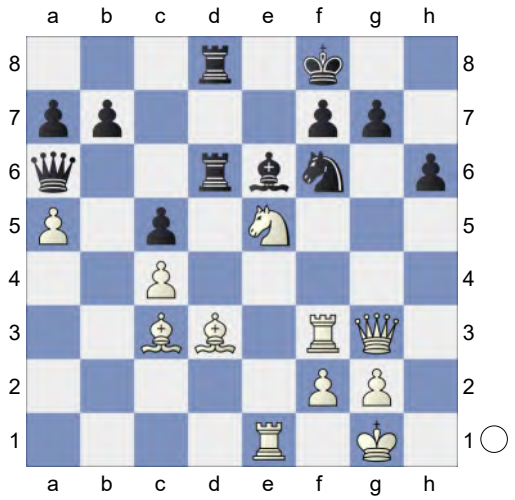
13.e5!+- Deflection **13...Nxe5 14.Nfxe5 Bxe5**



15.Ba3! c5 16.Re1 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Be6 18.Kg1 Qc7 19.Ne5 Rfd8 20.c4 Rd6 21.Qf3 Rad8 22.Bb2 Qb6 23.Bc3 Qa6 24.Re3 Bc8 25.a4 Be6 26.a5 Kf8 27.Rae1 Kg8 28.Qg3 h6 6.90/17

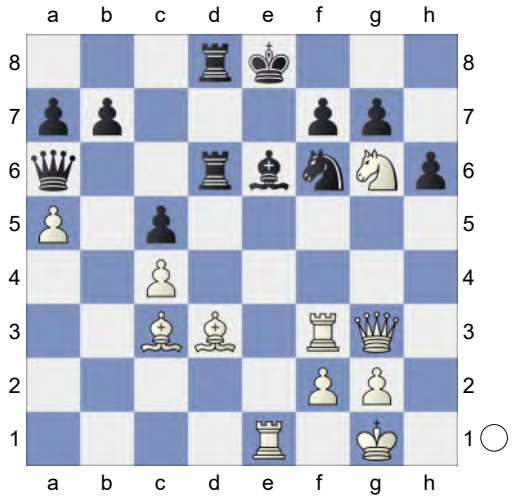
[⌓28...Rd4 4.59/15 29.Nf3 Pin Qd6 30.Nxd4 *(30.Bxd4 Qxg3 31.fxg3 cxd4+-)* 30...Qxg3 31.Nxe6 *(31.Rxg3 cxd4 32.Bd2 Rc8+-)* 31...Qxe3 32.Rxe3 fxe6]

29.Rf3 Kf8



30.Ng6+! Ke8

[30...Kg8 31.Rxf6]



31.Bc2! b5

[31...Qxc4 32.Ne5]

32.cxb5 Qc8 33.Nf4 Kf8 34.Bxf6 gxf6 35.Qh4 Ke8 36.Qxf6 White mates. **36...Qc7 37.Nxe6 fxe6 38.b6 Kd7 39.Qg7+ Kc6 40.Ba4+ Kb7 41.Qxc7+ Ka6** Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.62 **42.Qxa7#** Normal **1-0**

50 **C52**

□ **No-StockFish-Bots** **3061**

■ **ProteusSF-Aureo** **2989**

Rapid 12.01.2024

[Kitty Kat]

C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 f6 Black is slightly better.

[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]

[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]

11.a4 Ne7 12.Ba2 Nec6 13.Re1N

[13.Ba3 exd4 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Bxd4 16.Rad1 Qe7 17.e5 fxe5 18.Nf3 Nc6 19.Bd5 Kd8 20.Rfe1 Qf6 21.Bxc6 bxc6 22.Qxc6 Rb8 23.Rc1 Bb6 24.Nxe5 Re8 25.Bxd6 cxd6 26.Nf7+ Qxf7 27.Qxd6+ Qd7 ½-½ Castro Salguero, R (2515)-10. ♗e7 ♕e7 11. ♘e2_13982

(2637) 68/488 Nis 1996 28.Rxe8+ Kxe8 29.Qxb8 Kd8 30.Qf4 Qf5 31.Qg3 g6 32.a5 Bxa5 33.Qd6+ Bd7 34.Qb8+ Ke7 35.Qxa7 Qd5 36.Qc5+ 1-0 Beggi,P-Jagodzinski,W Reggio Emilia 6566 1965 (8)]

13...g5 0.19/18

[13...exd4∓ -0.41/18 14.Bb2 dxc3 15.Bxc3 Qe7]

14.Nf1= White has compensation.

14...h5 15.Ne3 h4 16.h3 Qg7 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.exf5 0-0-0 19.Qe4 -0.37/22

[19.Be6+± 0.76/21 Kb8 20.d5]

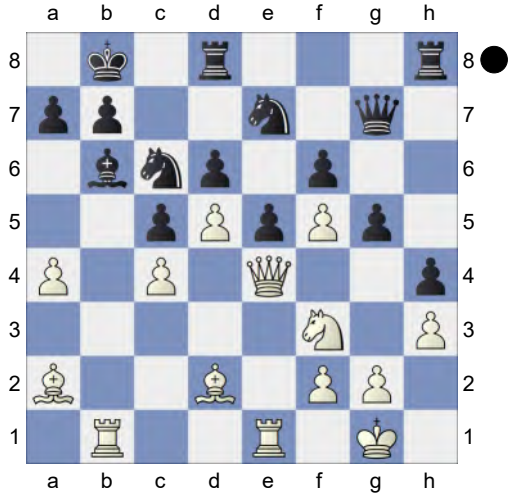
19...Kb8∓ 20.Bd2 Ne7 -0.07/19

[20...Rhe8∓ -0.67/19]

21.c4!= c5! 22.Rab1 Strongly threatening Bxa5. **22...Nac6**

[22...cxd4 23.c5 *(23.Bxa5 d5=)* 23...Bxc5 *(23...d5 24.Qd3±)* 24.Bxa5+-]

23.d5



Nb4 24.Rb2

[24.Rb3 Nxa2]

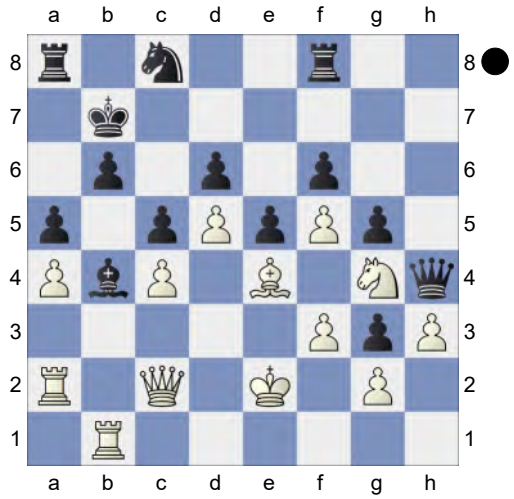
24...Ng8 25.Nh2 Nh6 26.Ra1 Ba5 27.Bb1 Rdg8 28.Rb3 Qc7 29.Bc1 Rg7 30.Nf1 Ka8 31.Qe2 Qc8 32.Ne3 Qg8 33.f3 b6 34.Be4 Qf8 35.Qb2 Nf7 36.Bd2 Qe7 37.Bc3 Rgg8 38.Be1 Rb8 39.Ng4 Nd8 40.Rb1 Nb7 41.Ra1 Na6 42.Bf2 Nc7 43.Qc2 Ne8 44.Be3 Rc8 45.Rb2 Kb8 46.Rab1 Kc7 47.Rb5 Kd8 48.R5b2 Bb4 49.Nf2 Ng7 50.Nd3 Ba5 51.Nf2 Qd7 52.Ng4 Nh5 53.Qb3 Bb4 54.Bf2 Kc7

[54...Ke7 is interesting. 55.Rd1 Ra8 56.Qc2 Nd8]

55.Ne3 Kd8 56.Qc2 Ke7 57.Kh2 Na5 58.Kh1 Rb8 59.Kh2 Nf4 60.Kg1 Nb7 61.Ra2 Qc8 62.Ng4 Nd8 63.Kh2 Qa6 64.Ne3 Rg8 65.Rb3 Re8 66.Qb2 Nb7 Strongly threatening ...Na5. **67.Qc1 Na5 68.Rbb2 Rec8 69.Qc2 Nb7 70.Rb3 Ra8 71.Kh1 Rcb8 72.Kh2 Nd8 73.Qb1 Qb7 74.Nc2 a5 75.Ne3 Nf7 76.Qd1 Rh8 77.Kh1 Nh5 78.Qc2 Qc8 79.Kh2 Kd7 80.Kg1 Kc7 81.Qb1 Qd8 82.Be1 Nh6 83.Bf2 Qe8 84.Nc2 Ng3** 0.00/19

[84...Nf4∓ -0.49/16]

85.Bxg3 hxg3 86.Ne3 Qh5 87.Re2 White is weak on the dark squares **87...Rhf8 88.Ra2 Ng8 89.Kf1 Ne7 90.Ke2 Kb7 91.Qc2 Qh4 92.Ng4 Nc8 93.Rb1**



b5! 94.cxb5

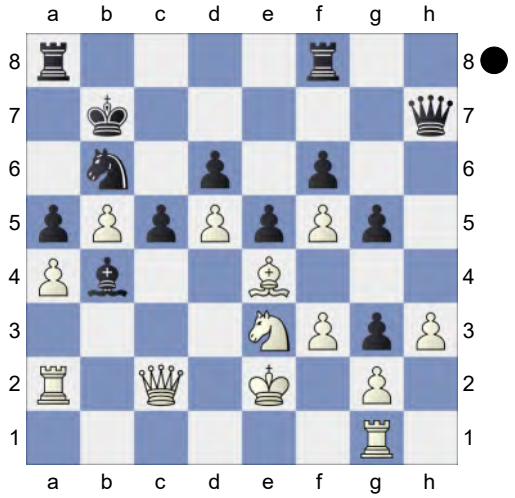
[94.axb5 Nb6]

94...Qh7 Now White is beyond hope.

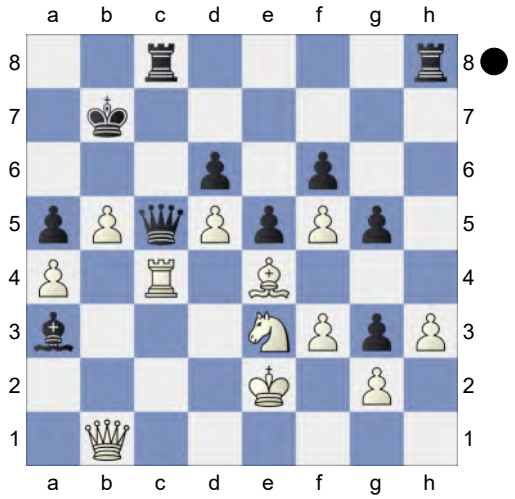
95.Rg1? -2.08/19

[95.Ne3∓ -0.36/19]

95...Nb6-+ 96.Ne3



c4! 97.Rc1
[97.Qb1 Bc5]
97...Rac8 98.Rf1 -2.71/17
[98.Qb1 -1.95/16 might work better.]
98...Qc7 99.Rc1 Qc5 100.Qb1 Rh8 101.Rac2 Ba3
[101...Nxa4 102.Ng4-+]
102.Rxc4? -5.09/19
[102.Rf1 -2.38/16]
102...Nxc4 103.Rxc4



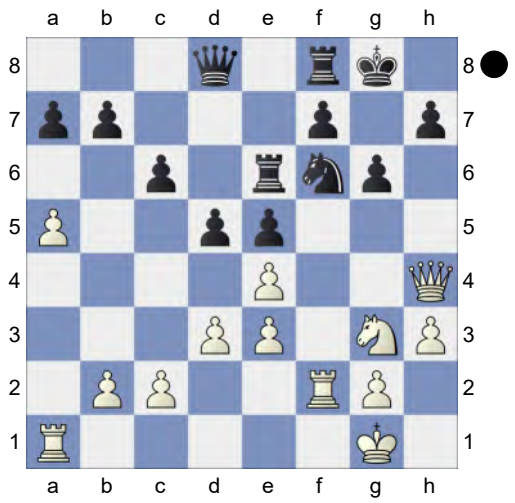
Qxe3+!! Remove Defender **104.Kxe3 Rxc4 105.b6 Rb4 106.Qd3** -6.95/21
[⌂106.Qe1 -4.94/18 Rc8 *(106...Rxa4? 107.Bc2-+; 106...Kxb6 107.Qc3=)* 107.f4]
106...Bc1+
[106...Rxa4 107.Qb5 Bc5+ 108.Kd2 Ra2+ 109.Kc3
A) 109...Bxb6 110.Kb3= *(110.Qd7+ Ka8 111.Qxd6=)*;
B) 109...Bd4+ 110.Kd3 Ra3+ *(110...Bxb6 111.Qc6+ Ka7 112.Qxd6=)* 111.Ke2 Ra2+ *(111...Bxb6 112.Qc6+ Ka7 113.Qd7+ Ka6 114.Bd3+ Rxd3 115.Kxd3±)* 112.Kd1 Ra1+ *(112...Bxb6 113.Qc6+ Ka7 114.Qd7+ Ka8 115.Qxd6=)* 113.Kd2 Ra2+ *(113...Bxb6? 114.Qc6+ Ka7 115.Qd7+ Kb8 116.Qxd6+ Bc7 117.Qxf6+-)* 114.Ke1 Bxb6 115.Qc6+ Ka7 116.Qd7+ *(116.Qxd6? Rh7-+)* 116...Ka8 117.Qxd6=]
107.Ke2 Rb2+
[107...Kxb6 108.Qc3 *(108.Qc2? Rb2-+)* 108...Bf4 *(108...Rb2+? 109.Kd1+-)* 109.Qc6+ Ka7 110.Bd3= *(110.Qxd6 Rc8-+; 110.Qc7+ Rb7∓)*]
[107...Rxa4? 108.Qb5 *(108.Qc2 Rxe4+ 109.fxe4 Rc8+-)* 108...Ra2+ 109.Kd1+-]
108.Ke1 Rc8 (→ ...Bf4!)
[108...Kxb6 109.Qc4 Bd2+ 110.Kd1=]
109.Qa3 Rf2 110.Qd3 Bf4
Black mates.
[110...Kxb6? 111.Qb5+ Kc7 112.Qc6+ *(112.Qxa5+? Kd7-+)* 112...Kd8 113.Qxd6+ Ke8 114.Qe6+ *(114.Qxf6? Bd2+ 115.Kd1 Rc1#)* 114...Kd8 115.Qxf6+ Kd7 116.Qe6+ *(116.Qxe5? Bd2+ 117.Kd1 Rc1#)* 116...Kd8+- 117.Qd6+ *(117.Qxe5? Bd2+ 118.Kd1 Rc1#)* 117...Ke8 118.Qxe5+ *(118.Qe6+ Kd8+-)* 118...Kd7 119.Qe6+ *(119.Qxg3? Ra2-+)* 119...Kd8 120.Qd6+ Ke8 121.Qxg3+-]

111.Qa3 Rxg2
[111...Kxb6 112.Qxd6+ Kb7 113.Qd7+ *(113.Qxf6? Rc1#)* 113...Kb8 114.Qb5+ Kc7 115.d6+ *(115.Qxa5+ Kd7=)* 115...Kxd6 116.Qb6+ *(116.Qxa5? Rc1#)* 116...Ke7 117.Qe6+ Kd8 118.Qxf6+ Kd7 119.Qe6+ Kd8 120.Qd6+ Ke8 121.Bc6+ Rxc6 122.Qxc6+ Ke7 123.Qe6+ Kd8 124.f6 Bd2+ 125.Kd1+-]
112.Bd3 Rg1+
[112...Kxb6 113.Qxd6+ Ka7 114.Qa6+ *(114.Qxf6? Rc1#)* 114...Kb8 115.Qb6+ *(115.Qxa5? Rc1#)* 115...Ka8 116.Qxa5+ *(116.Qxf6? Rc1#)* 116...Kb8 117.Qb6+ Ka8 118.Qa5+ *(118.Qxf6? Rc1#)* 118...Kb8 119.Qb6+ Ka8 120.Qa6+ Kb8 121.Qb5+ *(121.Qxf6? Rc1#)* 121...Ka7 122.Qa6+ Kb8 123.Qb5+ Ka7 124.Qa5+ Kb8=]
113.Ke2 Rcc1
[113...Kxb6? perishes. 114.Qxd6+ Kb7 115.Qa6+ *(115.Qxf6* gets mated. *Rg2+ 116.Kf1 Rf2+ 117.Kg1 Rc1+)* 115...Kc7 116.Qa7+ *(116.Qxa5+ Kd7+-)* 116...Kd6 117.Qa6+ *(117.Qxg1 Rb8+-)* 117...Kc7 118.Qa7+ Kd6 119.Qxg1+-]
114.Ba6+ Kxa6 115.Qd3+ Kb7 116.Qe3 Rge1+ 117.Kd3 Rxe3+ 118.Kd2 Ree1+ 119.Kd3 Red1+ 120.Ke4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
120...Rc4# Normal
0-1

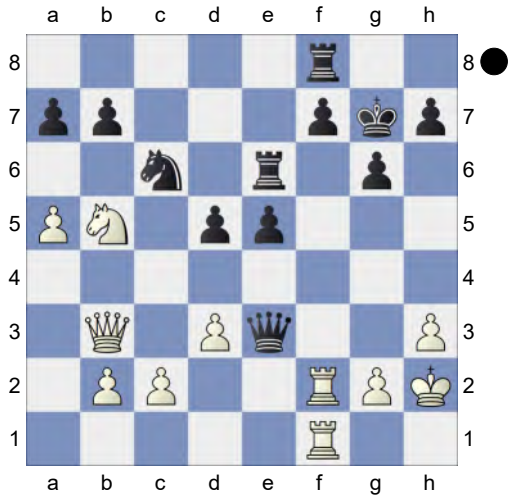
51 **C50**
□ **CruelKen** **3061**
■ **Mr-Chess-Berserk** **3058**
Blitz 24.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.a4 d6**
[6...a6 7.c3 Ba7 8.Re1 d6 9.h3 b5 10.Bb3 b4 11.a5 Rb8 12.Nbd2 Be6 13.Bc2 h6 14.Nf1 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Bd2 b3 17.Bb1 Qd6 18.Qe2 Rbe8 19.Ra3 f5 20.Nxe5 Bd7 21.d4 ½-½ Vachier Lagrave,M (2791)-Aronian,L (2809) 5th Sinquefield Cup 2017 (5.1)]
7.Be3 Bxe3N
[7...Bb6 8.Nbd2 h6 9.c3 Ng4 10.Bxb6 axb6 11.d4 Re8 12.Re1 Nf6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.h3 Ne7 15.Bxd7 Nxd7 16.Nf1 Ng6 17.Ng3 Nf6 18.Qc2 Qd7 19.c4 Nh7 20.Qd2 Rxa4 21.b3 Ra6 22.dxe5 1-0 So,W (2753)-Firouzja,A (2777) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (2.32)]
8.fxe3 Ne7 9.Qe1 Ng6 10.Qg3 c6 11.Bb3 Qe7 12.Nc3 Be6 13.Bxe6 Qxe6 14.h3 Qe7 15.Qe1 Rae8 16.Nh4 Nxh4 17.Qxh4 Qd8 18.Ne2 Re6 19.Ng3 g6 20.a5 d5 21.Rf2

(Diagram)



Qe7 22.exd5
[22.Qg5 Ne8 23.Qxe7 Rxe7 24.exd5 cxd5 25.Ne2]
22...cxd5
[22...Nxd5 simplifies 23.Qxe7 Rxe7 24.e4 Nf4]
23.Ne2 Kg7 24.Nc3 Qc5 25.Raf1 Qxe3 26.Kh2! Ng8 27.Qb4 Prevents Qc5. **27...Ne7 28.Nb5!⇄** White has counterplay **28...Nc6 29.Qb3**



Hoping for Nc7. **29...Nd4**
[29...Nxa5? 30.Qxd5 Re7 31.Nd6+-]
[29...Qc5!? 30.Nc7□ Re7 *(30...Nxa5? 31.Rxf7+ Rxf7 32.Nxe6+ Kg8 33.Nxc5+-)* 31.Nxd5 Rd7=]
30.Nxd4 exd4 31.Qxd5
[31.Qxb7 Qe5+ 32.Kh1 Re7 33.Qc6]
31...Qe5+ 32.Qxe5+ Rxe5= Endgame KRR-KRR **33.Rf4 Rd5 34.b4 Rd7 35.Re1 Rc8 36.Rf2 Rc6 37.g4 Rdc7 38.Kg3 Rxc2 39.Rxc2 Rxc2** KR-KR. Black is a pawn up. **40.Re7 Rd2 41.Rxb7 Rxd3+ 42.Kf4 a6 43.Ke5 Rxh3 44.Kxd4 h5 45.gxh5 gxh5 46.b5 Ra3 47.bxa6 Rxa5 48.a7 h4 49.a8Q Rxa8 50.Ke3 Ra2 51.Rb3 Rg2 52.Kf4** Inhibits Rg3. **52...Kg6** And now ...f6 would win. **53.Rb8 Kg7** Prevents Rg8+ **54.Rb4 Rg6 55.Kf3** -0.54/30
[55.Rb2= -0.07/30 might be stronger.]
55...h3∓ 56.Rb2 Rh6 57.Rh2 Kg6 -1.12/32
[57...Kf6∓ -0.40/30 58.Kf2 Kf5]
58.Kf2∓ f5 -1.12/30
[58...Kg5∓ -0.46/32]
59.Kg1 f4 -0.90/31
[Black should play 59...Kg5∓ -0.33/28]
60.Rb2 Kg5 61.Kh2 The position is equal. **61...Kg4 62.Rb8 Kf3 63.Rb7 Rh8 64.Rg7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless) **64...Rb8**
½-½

52 **C52**
□ **SolistaBot** **3060**
■ **Nikitosik-ai** **3020**
Blitz 26.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Qe7** Black is slightly better.

[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]

[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]

11.Ba3 f6 12.Bb5+N

[12.Rab1 Bd7 13.Bb4 Rb8 14.a4 Nh6 15.Bd5 c6 16.Ba2 Nf7 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.Nf1 Bc7 19.Ne3 Be6 20.d5 Bd7 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Qd3 Nb7 23.Ba3 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Nc4 Rfd8 26.Qe3 Qxc4 0-1 Zapolskis,A (2257)-Johnson,D (2211) London Mindsports IM 2022 (2)]

12...c6 13.Bd3 Nh6 14.c4 c5 0.28/20 Prevents Bb4.

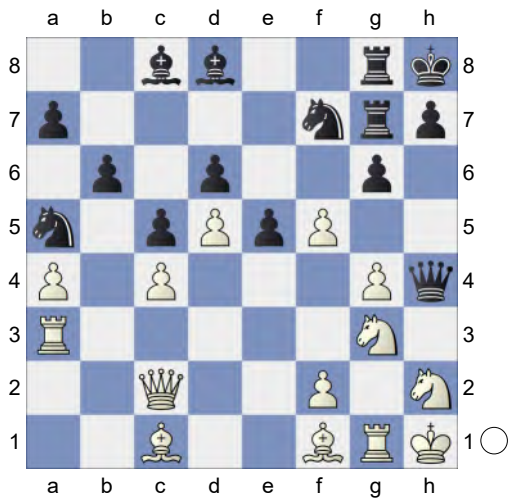
[14...Nf7∓ -0.33/21]

15.d5= White has compensation.

15...Bd8 16.Bb2 b6 17.h3 0-0 18.Nh2 Kh8 19.Kh1 Qe8 20.a4 Rb8 21.g4 Rb7 22.Rg1 g6 23.Ndf1 Rg7 24.Ng3 Nf7 25.Bf1 Rfg8 26.Ra3 Qf8 27.Bc1! Qe7 28.h4 f5 Discovered Attack

29.exf5 Qxh4

(Diagram)



30.f6! Qxf6

[30...Bxf6 31.Ne4 Bd8 32.Rf3= *(32.Rh3 Qe7=)*]

31.Ne4 Inhibits Ng5. **31...Qe7 32.Rag3 Qe8** 0.76/18

[32...Rf8± 0.40/19]

33.g5± White is more active. **33...Bf5 34.Bd3 Bxe4+** 0.93/17

[34...Qd7!± 0.52/22 deserves consideration.]

35.Bxe4 a6 1.30/21

[⌓35...Qd7 0.93/21]

36.R1g2!

[36.Rh3?! Qd7 37.Rh4 b5=]

36...b5 37.Nf3! bxc4 1.68/24

[37...b4± 0.97/21]

38.Rh3 Qd7 39.Rgh2 Nb3 40.Nh4!

[40.Qxc4 Nxc1 41.Bxg6 Qxh3 *(41...Nxg5 42.Nxg5* Remove Defender *Bxg5 43.Rxh7+ Rxh7 44.Rxh7+ Qxh7+ 45.Bxh7=)* 42.Rxh3 Rxg6∓ *(42...Nxg5 43.Nxg5 Bxg5 44.Bf5=)*]

[40.Bxg6?! Qxh3 41.Rxh3 Rxg6±]

40...Re8

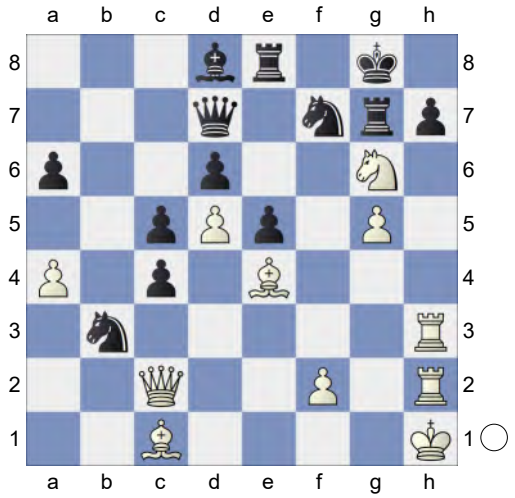
[40...Nxg5? 41.Nxg6+ Rxg6 42.Bxg5+-]

41.Nxg6+

[41.Qxc4? Nxc1 *(41...Nxg5? 42.Rxb3 Qg4 43.Bxg5+-)* 42.Bxg6

Nxg5-+ *(42...Bxg5? 43.Bf5-+)*]

41...Kg8



42.Nh8 Decoy **42...Nxg5**

[42...Kxh8? 43.Rxh7+ Kg8 44.Rxg7+ Kxg7 45.Rh7+ Kf8 46.g6+- *(46.Qxc4 Nxc1 47.Bg6 Bxg5=)*]

[42...Nxh8? 43.Bxh7+ Kf8 44.Bf5 *(44.Qxc4? Nxc1 45.Rf3+ Nf7-+)*]

43.Bxg5 Rxg5 1.96/22

[43...Bxg5± 1.41/20 44.Bf5 *(44.Bxh7+ Kf8-+)* 44...Nd4 *(44...Qxa4? 45.Bxh7+ Kf8 46.Ng6+ Rxg6 47.Qxg6+-)* 45.Bxd7 *(45.Bxh7+? Kf8-+)* 45...Nxc2 46.Bxe8 Ne1 *(46...Kxh8? 47.f4+-* Discovered Attack *)*]

44.Bxh7++- Kg7 2.22/23

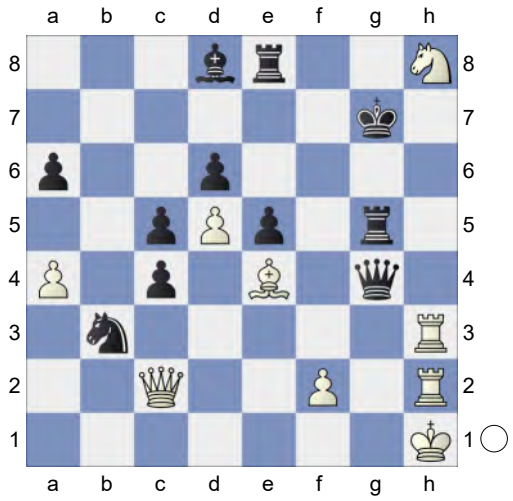
[44...Kf8 1.76/20 was called for.]

45.Be4

[45.Qxc4? Nd2 46.Bg6 Qxh3 *(46...Nxc4 47.Rh7+ Kf6 48.Rxd7±)* 47.Rxh3 Nxc4-+ *(47...Rxh8? 48.Qc3-+)*]

45...Qg4

(Diagram)



46.Rh7+!

[46.Qxc4? Qg1#]

[46.Rg3 Qf4 47.Rh7+ *(47.Qxc4? Nd2-+)* 47...Kg8±]

46...Kg8 47.Rg2

[47.Qxc4? Qg1#]

47...Qf4 48.Nf7 Pin, Double Attack

[48.Qxc4? Nd2 49.Ng6 *(49.Rxg5+? Bxg5 50.Qe2 Qxe4+-+)* 49...Qxe4-+ *(49...Nxc4? 50.Nxf4 exf4 51.Rd7-+)*]

48...Rxg2 49.Nh6+ Zwischenzug

[49.Kxg2 Bg5 *(49...Nd4 50.Nh6+=)* 50.Nxd6 *(50.Qxc4? Nd2-+)* 50...Rf8∓]

49...Kf8 50.Bxg2

[50.Kxg2 Nd4 51.Qb1 Qg5+ 52.Kf1 Re7 53.Rh8+ Kg7 54.Rg8+ *(54.Rxd8 Qxh6 55.Qb8 Qh3+ 56.Ke1 Qc3+ 57.Kf1 Qh3+ 58.Ke1 Qc3+ 59.Kf1 Qh3+=)* 54...Kxh6+-]

50...e4 aiming for ...Re7. **51.Qc3**

[51.Qxc4 Re7 52.Rh8+ Kg7 53.Qc3+ Nd4 54.Rg8+ Kh7=]

[51.Rf7+ Qxf7 52.Nxf7 Kxf7 53.Qxc4 *(53.Bxe4 Nd4=)* 53...Nd2 54.Qxa6 e3+-]

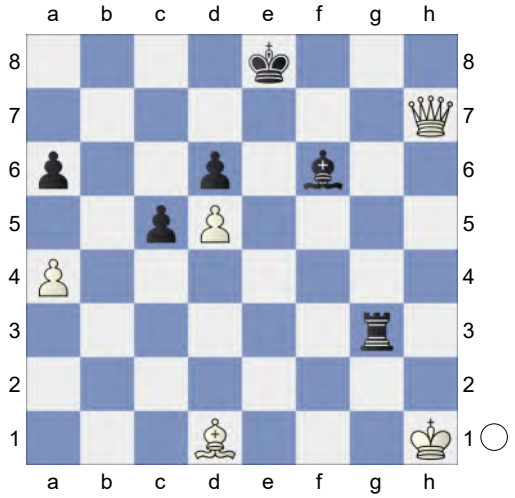
51...Re5

[51...Qc1+ 52.Qxc1]

52.Qh3 Inhibits Qh4.

[52.Qxc4? perishes. Rh5+ 53.Kg1

Qh2+ *(53...Rxh6 54.Rxh6 Qxh6 55.Qxb3=)* 54.Kf1 Nd2+ *(54...Rxh6? 55.Rxh6 Nd2+ 56.Ke2-+)* 55.Ke2 Nxc4-+]
[52.Rf7+ Qxf7 53.Nxf7 Kxf7 54.Qxc4 Nd4 55.Qxa6 Be7+-]
52...Qc1+ 53.Bf1 Qf4 54.Rf7+
[Stronger than 54.Bxc4 Qf3+ 55.Qxf3+ exf3=]
54...Qxf7 55.Nxf7 Kxf7 56.Qh7+ Kf8 57.Qh8+ Kf7 58.Bxc4
[58.Qxd8 c3 59.Qd7+ *(59.Qxd6 Rh5+ 60.Kg2 c2+-)* 59...Re7 60.Qf5+ *(60.Qxd6 c2=)* 60...Kg7 61.Qg5+ *(61.Bxa6 c2=)* 61...Kf7 62.Qf4+ *(62.Bxa6 c2=)* 62...Ke8 63.Bxa6 *(63.Qxd6 c2±)* 63...Nd4]
58...Bf6 59.Qh7+ Ke8 60.Bxb3 e3 61.fxe3 Rxe3 62.Bd1 Rg3



63.Bg4! Rxg4 Endgame KQ-KRB
[63...Be5 64.Qd7+]
64.Qh5+ Kd8 65.Qxg4 Qg8+ is the strong threat. **65...Bc3 66.Qc4 Be5 67.a5 Ke8 68.Qxa6** Threatening mate with Qb5+. **68...Kd8 69.Qb6+** White mates. **69...Ke7 70.a6 Kf6 71.Qb1 Bc3 72.Qe4 Bd2 73.a7 c4 74.a8Q c3 75.Qh8+ Kg5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) / Black=0.19 (very precise) **76.Qhh4#**
1-0

53 **C52**
□ **Booktester** **3058**
■ **PetersBot** **3011**
Blitz 17.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Qe7** Black is slightly better.
[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]
[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]
11.Ba3 f6 12.Bb5+N
[12.Rab1 Bd7 13.Bb4 Rb8 14.a4 Nh6 15.Bd5 c6 16.Ba2 Nf7 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.Nf1 Bc7 19.Ne3 Be6 20.d5 Bd7 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Qd3 Nb7 23.Ba3 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Nc4 Rfd8 26.Qe3 Qxc4 0-1 Zapolskis,A (2257)-Johnson,D (2211) London Mindsports IM 2022 (2)]

12...c6! 13.Bd3 Nh6 14.c4 c5 0.21/19 Prevents Bb4.

[14...exd4∓ -0.67/19 15.e5 fxe5]

15.d5= White has compensation.

15...0-0 16.Bb2 Bd8 17.a4 g6 18.h3 Qg7 19.Rae1 b6 20.g4 Nf7 21.Nh2 -0.36/18

[Better is 21.Kg2= 0.19/20]

21...h5 0.08/18

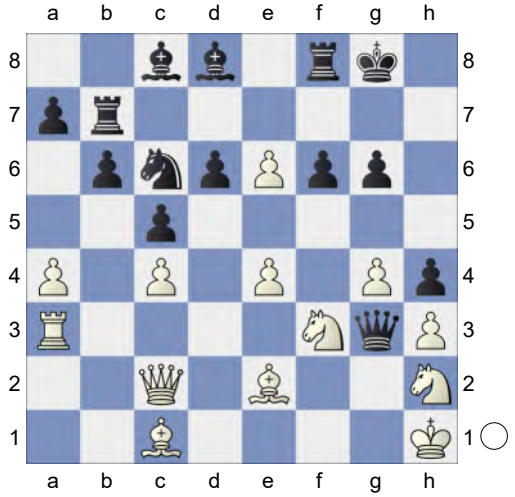
[21...g5∓ -0.36/18]

22.Re3 Qh6 23.Be2 h4 24.Ra3 Rb8 25.Bc1 Ng5 26.f4 exf4 27.Rxf4 Rb7

[27...Nxh3+? 28.Rxh3 Rb7 *(28...Qxf4? 29.Ndf3+-)* 29.Rf2+-]

28.Kg2 Ne6 0.99/19 **29.dxe6± Qxf4 30.Ndf3** Dodges Qe5 **30...Qg3+ 31.Kh1 Nc6**

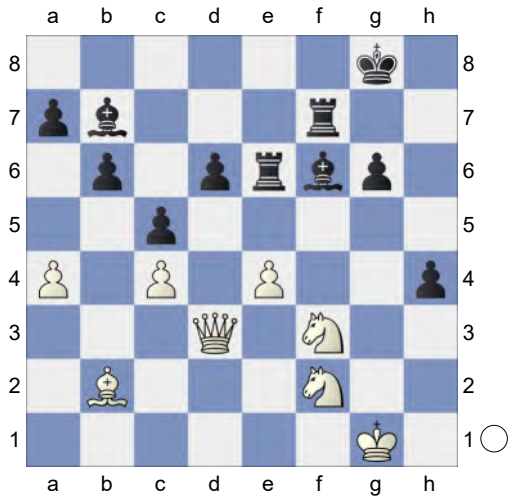
[31...Qxh3? 32.Ne1+- *(32.Ng1 Qxa3 33.Bxa3 Bxe6±)*]



32.Nf1! Qxh3+ 33.N3h2 Qxa3 34.Bxa3 Nd4 35.Qd2 Nxe2 36.Qxe2 Re7 37.Bb2 Rxe6 38.Kg1 Bb7 39.Nd2 f5 40.gxf5 Rxf5 41.Ng4 Bg5 Repels Nh6+ **42.Qd3** Dancing on a razor blade. **42...Rf4 43.Nf2→** White has strong attack. Excellent horsemanship. **43...Rf7** 1.68/18

[43...Kf7± 0.86/18]

44.Nf3+- Bf6



45.e5! Discovered Attack **45...Be7**

[45...dxe5 46.Ng4]

46.Ne4 Rf5 Prevents Nfg5 **47.Bc1 Bxe4 48.Qxe4 dxe5 49.Be3**

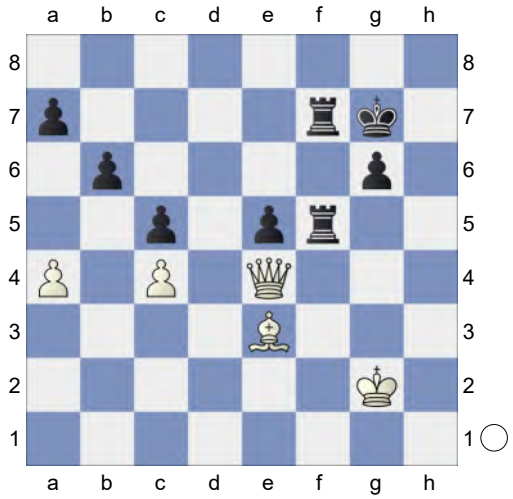
[49.Nxh4 Bxh4 50.Qxh4 Rd6]

[49.Qd5?! Kf7 50.Qe4 Rh5]

49...Bf6 2.41/18

[⌓49...h3 1.90/17 50.Kh2 Bf6]

50.Nxh4 Bxh4 51.Qxh4 Ref6 52.Qe4 Rf7 53.Kg2 Kg7



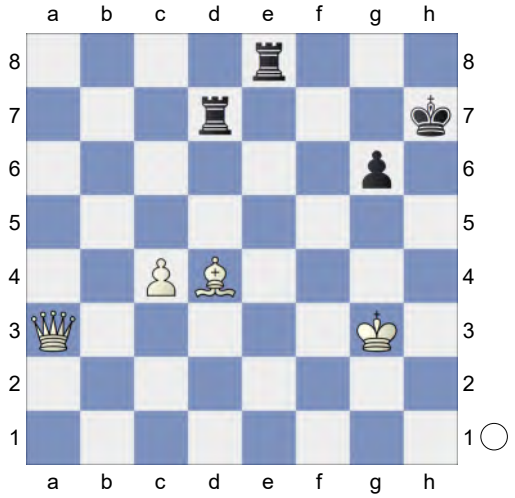
54.a5! Rc7

[54...Kh7 55.Qc6]

55.Qd5 Rcf7 56.Qd6 Rf3 57.Qxe5+ Kh7 58.Qe4 Rf1 59.Kg3 Rd1 60.Kg4 and axb6 should not be overlooked **60...Rd6** 3.55/19

[60...Rdf1 2.35/17 61.a6 Rd1]

61.Qe5 Rd3 62.axb6 axb6 63.Qe6 Kg7 64.Qe4
[64.Bh6+ Kxh6 65.Qxf7 Rd4+ 66.Kf3 Kg5+-]
64...Rd1 65.Qe5+ Kh7 66.Qe6 Rdd7 5.97/22
[66...Rdf1 3.76/17 was called for. 67.Qxb6 R1f5]
67.Qxb6 Rde7 ...Re4+ would now be deadly. **68.Qxc5 Re4+ 69.Kg3 Rd7 70.Kf3 Re8 71.Qa3** Prevents Rd3. **71...Rf7+ 72.Kg3 Rfe7 73.Bd4 Rd7**

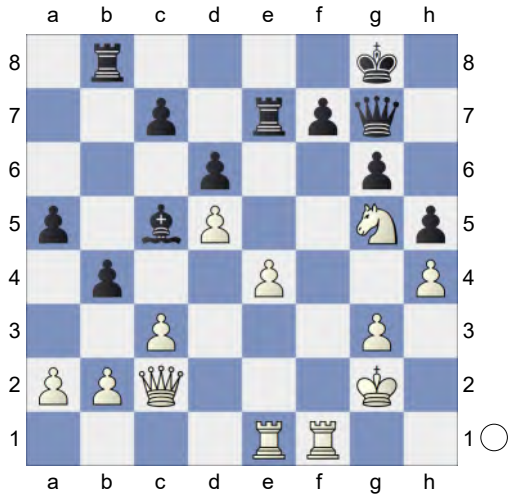


74.Qf3! Rxd4 Endgame KQ-KRR
[74...Kg8 75.Qf6]
75.Qf7+ Kh6 76.Qxe8 Rxc4 KQ-KR **77.Qg8 Re4 78.Qa8 Re7 79.Qf8+ Rg7 80.Kh4 Kh7 81.Kg5 Ra7 82.Qh6+ Kg8 83.Qh4**
[Weaker is 83.Kxg6 Ra6+ 84.Kh5 Rxh6+ 85.Kxh6=]
[83.Qxg6+ Rg7=]
83...Ra5+ 84.Kxg6 Ra6+ 85.Kf5 Ra5+ 86.Ke6 Ra6+ 87.Kd7 10.65/20 **Ra7+ 88.Kc8** Intending Kd8 and mate. **88...Ra8+**
[88...Rh7 89.Qg5+ Rg7 90.Qd5+ Rf7 91.Qg5+ Rg7]
89.Kb7 White mates. **89...Rf8 90.Kc6 Kg7 91.Qg5+ Kf7 92.Kd7 Rg8 93.Qd5+ Kf8 94.Ke6 Kg7 95.Ke7 Kh7 96.Kf7 Rg7+ 97.Kf8 Kh6 98.Qh1+ Kg6 99.Qg1+ Kf5 100.Qxg7 Ke4 101.Qc3 Kd5 102.Ke7 Ke4 103.Ke6 Kf4 104.Qd3 Kg4 105.Qe3 Kh5 106.Kf5 Kh4 107.Qc3 Kh5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
108.Qh3#
1-0

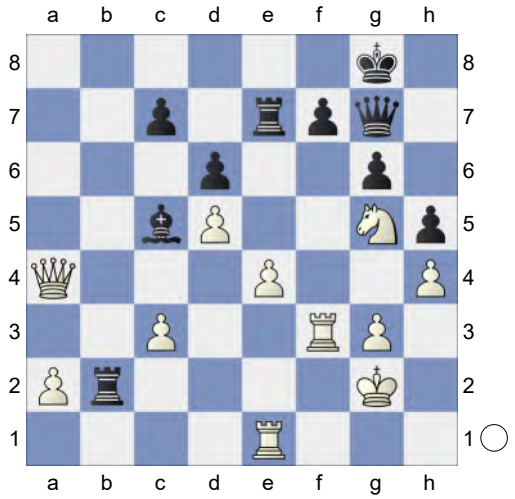
54 **C50**
□ **CruelKen** **3057**
■ **ArasanX** **3022**
Blitz 25.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.Nc3 Na5 7.Bg5 Nxc4**
[7...c6 8.Na4 Nxc4 9.dxc4 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Nxc5 dxc5 12.h3 g5 13.Qd3 g4 14.hxg4 Bxg4 15.Nh2 h5 16.Qe3 Qe7 17.Qg3 Be2 18.Rfe1 Bxc4 19.Qc3 Be6 20.Qxe5 0-0-0 21.Rad1 h4 22.Nf3 0-1 Sindarov,J (2661)-Moroni,L (2535) Sharjah Masters 6th 2023 (8)]
8.dxc4 Be6 The position is equal. **9.Qe2N**
[9.Qd3 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 Italienisch-Sidelines 2010]
9...0-0 10.Nd5 Bxd5 11.cxd5 h6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.g3 g6 14.c3 a5 15.Kg2 Qg7 16.Ne1 Rae8 17.Nd3 Ba7 18.f4 exf4 19.Nxf4 b5 20.Rae1 Rb8 21.Nd3 Rfe8 22.h4! h5 23.Qc2 White leaves nothing to chance now. **23...Bb6** 1.16/22
[23...Re7± 0.53/22]
24.Nf4!± b4 25.Nh3! Bc5 26.Ng5 Re7 2.23/24

[⊿26...Rf8 1.69/23]



27.Rf3!+- bxc3 28.bxc3 a4 29.Qxa4
[29.Ref1 a3 30.Qa4 *(30.Nxf7? Rb2-+* Pin*; 30.Rxf7? Rxf7 31.Qd3 Rxf1-+)* 30...Rb2+ 31.Kh1 Qf8= *(31...Rxa2 32.Nxf7 Qf8 33.Nxd6±; 31...Qe5? 32.Rxf7 Rb8 33.Rxe7+-)*]
29...Rb2+



30.Kh1! Rf2 31.Qd1 Rxf3 2.70/24
[31...Rxa2 32.Ref1±]
[31...Qf8 1.77/23 32.Qd3 Qa8]
32.Qxf3 Ba3 Black is weak on the light squares **33.Rb1 Qf8** Prevents Rb8 **34.Qf6** Hoping for Rf1. **34...Bc5 35.Re1** Against Be3 **35...Bb6 36.Kg2 Rd7?** 4.03/23
[36...Qe8 2.07/22 might work better. 37.a4 Ba5]
37.a4 Qd8 38.Qf4 Qf8? 6.17/25
[38...Ba5 3.41/21 39.Rf1 Qe8]
39.g4 White is clearly winning. **39...hxg4 40.h5**
[Not 40.Qxg4 Re7 41.Qf3 Qg7±]
40...gxh5 41.e5 Re7 42.Ne4 Nf6+ would kill now. **42...Rxe5 43.Nf6+ Kg7 44.Rxe5 dxe5 45.Qg5+**
[45.Qxe5 Kg6 46.Nxh5 Qd6 47.Nf4+ Kh6 48.Qh5+ Kg7±]
45...Kh8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.38 **46.Qxh5+ 1-0**

55 **C52**
□ **Fruity23** **3057**
■ **ArasanX** **2971**
Blitz 21.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 f6** Black is slightly better.
[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]
[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-

Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]

11.a4 Ne7 12.Ba2 Nec6 13.Re1N

[13.Ba3 exd4 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Bxd4 16.Rad1 Qe7 17.e5 fxe5 18.Nf3 Nc6 19.Bd5 Kd8 20.Rfe1 Qf6 21.Bxc6 bxc6 22.Qxc6 Rb8 23.Rc1 Bb6 24.Nxe5 Re8 25.Bxd6 cxd6 26.Nf7+ Qxf7 27.Qxd6+ Qd7 ½-½ Castro Salguero, R (2515)-10. ♗e7 ♕e7 11. ♘e2_13982 (2637) 68/488 Nis 1996 28.Rxe8+ Kxe8 29.Qxb8 Kd8 30.Qf4 Qf5 31.Qg3 g6 32.a5 Bxa5 33.Qd6+ Bd7 34.Qb8+ Ke7 35.Qxa7 Qd5 36.Qc5+ 1-0 Beggi,P-Jagodzinski,W Reggio Emilia 6566 1965 (8)]

13...exd4 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Bxd4 16.Bb2 Nc6 0.17/17

[16...Qc6 -0.20/18 was preferable. 17.Qb1 Bc5 *(17...Qxa4? 18.Bf7+* Discovered Attack *Kxf7 19.Rxa4+-)*]

17.Bxd4!= Nxd4 18.Qc3 Ne6 0.36/22

[18...Qxa4? 19.Bf7+ *(19.Qxc7 Qd7±)* 19...Kxf7 20.Rxa4+-]

[Black should try 18...c5= -0.16/20]

19.Nf3± and e5! would now be decisive

19...0-0

[19...Qxa4? perishes. 20.Bxe6 Qc6 21.Qb3 Bxe6 22.Qxe6+ Kd8 23.Nd4+-]

20.Nd4! Qe7 21.Rab1 Kh8 22.Bxe6 Bxe6 23.Rxb7 Rfc8 24.Nc6 White has compensation. **24...Qd7** Black is weak on the dark squares **25.h3 a6 26.a5 Bg8 27.Re3 Bf7 28.Re1 Re8 29.Nb4 Re7 30.Rc1** The position is equal. **30...Rxe4** and ...Rc4 should not be overlooked **31.Qxc7 Qxc7 32.Rcxc7 Bg8 33.Nc6 Bd5 34.f3 Re1+ 35.Kf2 Ra1 36.Rxg7 Bxc6 37.Rxh7+ Kg8 38.Rhg7+ Kh8 39.Rh7+ Kg8 40.Rhg7+ Kh8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless) **41.Rh7+**

½-½

56 **C52**

□ **RemstalBot** **3056**

■ **yobot_v2** **3009**

Blitz 14.08.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 f6**

[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]

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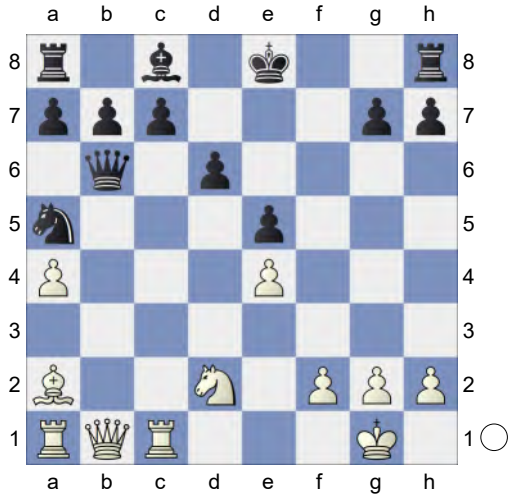
[17...Qxa4? 18.Bf7+ Kxf7 19.Rxa4+-]

18.Bxe5 fxe5 19.Rc1 Qb6

[19...Qxa4? 20.Bf7+ *(20.Rxc7 Qd4+-)* 20...Kxf7 21.Rxa4+- *(21.Rxc7+ Qd7+-)*]



20.Qd3 White has compensation.

20...Rf8 21.Qe2 Bd7 22.Rab1 Qa6

[22...Bg4? 23.Qxg4 *(23.Qe1 Qd4±)* 23...Qxf2+ 24.Kh1+-]

23.Qh5+

[23.Qxa6 bxa6 24.Rxc7 Ke7±]

23...g6 24.Qg5 Qd3 25.f3

[25.Rxc7 Rc8 26.Rxc8+ Bxc8 27.Bd5]

25...Qd4+

[25...Bxa4? 26.Rxc7 Bd7 27.Be6+- *(27.Bd5 Rc8=)*]

[25...Rf4 keeps more tension. 26.Bg8 Qxd2 27.Bxh7 Rc8]

26.Kh1 Qxa4 27.Ra1 Qd4 28.Nf1 0.00/22

[28.Bd5!± 0.72/23 Nc6 29.Rab1]

28...Nc6 0.54/23

[28...b5!= 0.00/22]

29.Ne3

[29.Rab1!?]

29...Ne7 Dodges Nd5 **30.Rd1 Qc5 31.Rac1 Qa5 32.Ra1 Qc5 33.Rac1** -0.01/19

[33.Bd5± 0.40/23]

33...Qa5!= 34.Bd5 Rd8 35.Ra1 Qc5 36.Bxb7 Be6! 37.Rdc1 Qd4 0.44/20

[37...Qb6= 0.01/23 38.Rab1 Qa5]

38.h3 0.04/22

[38.Nc2± 0.44/20 Qb6 39.Rab1]

38...c6 39.Rab1 Qa4 0.61/22

[39...Qd3= 0.07/22]

40.Kh2 0.19/22

[40.Qh6± 0.61/22]

40...Rf7 41.Ra1 Qd4 42.Rab1 Qa4 43.Ra1 Qd4 44.Ba6! Rf4

[44...Kf8!?]

45.Nc4 0.01/22

[45.Re1± 0.44/19 is more appropriate.]

45...Bxc4 The position is equal. **46.Bxc4 d5 47.exd5 Rf5**

[47...cxd5? 48.Bb5+ Kf8 49.Rc7+-]

48.Qh6 Rh5

[48...cxd5? 49.Bb5+ Kf7 50.Rc7 *(50.Qxh7+ Kf8+-)* 50...Qf4+ *(50...Qxa1 51.Qxh7+ Kf8 52.Qxe7+ Kg8 53.Qg7#)* 51.Qxf4 Rxf4 52.Raxa7+-]

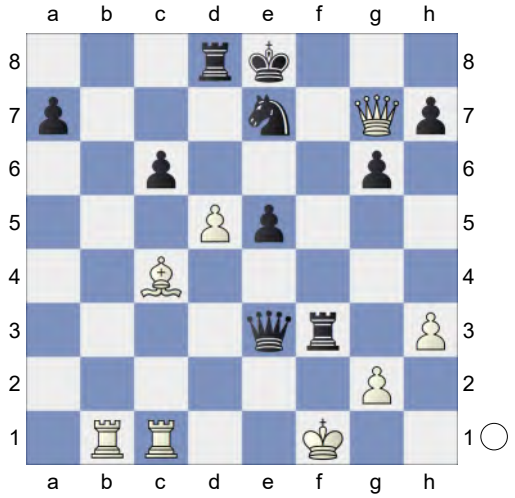
49.Qg7 Qf4+! 50.Kg1 Qe3+!

[Much worse is 50...Qf8?! 51.Qxf8+ Kxf8 52.dxc6±]

51.Kf1 Rf5! 52.Rab1

[52.Qxh7 Rf7 53.Qh4 *(53.Qh8+ Rf8=)* 53...Rf4+-]

52...Rxf3+



Demolition **53.gxf3 Qxf3+ 54.Ke1 Qe3+ 55.Kf1**

[55.Be2!? Qg1+□ 56.Bf1 *(56.Kd2? Rxd5+ 57.Bd3 Qf2+ 58.Kc3 Qd4+ 59.Kd2 Qxd3+-+)* 56...Qe3+ 57.Be2=]

55...Qxh3+ 56.Ke2 Qg4+ 57.Kd2 Qf4+ 58.Kd1

[58.Kc3 Qd4+ 59.Kb3 Rb8+ 60.Ka2 Qf2+ *(60...Qd2+ 61.Ka1=)* 61.Ka1 *(61.Ka3? Qc5+ 62.Ka4 Rxb1-+)* 61...Qd4+ 62.Ka2=]

58...Nxd5 59.Qh8+ Ke7 (→ ...Qf3+) **60.Qg7+! Ke8** (→ ...Nc3+) **61.Qg8+**

[61.Qxa7? Qe4-+ 62.Rc2 Ne3+ 63.Ke1 Nxc2+-+]

61...Ke7 (→ ...Ne3+) **62.Qg7+! Ke6** and ...Rd7 would now be decisive **63.Rb3**

[63.Qxh7? too greedy. Qd4+ 64.Ke1 Qe3+ 65.Kd1 Kf5 66.Qf7+ Nf6+-+]

63...Qg4+ 64.Kd2⇄ White puts up resistance **64...Qf4+ 65.Kd1 Qg4+ 66.Kd2 Qg2+ 67.Kd1** Black must now prevent Rcc3!. Really sharp! Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) / Black=0.07 (flawless) **67...Qg4+**

½-½

57 **C52**

□ **Booktester** **3055**

■ **YoBot_v2** **3027**

Blitz 10.11.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 f6**

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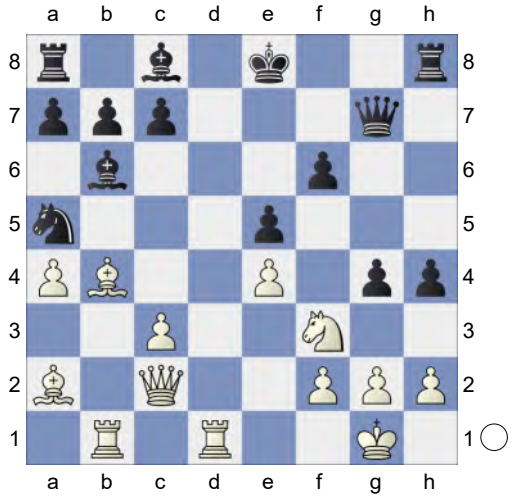
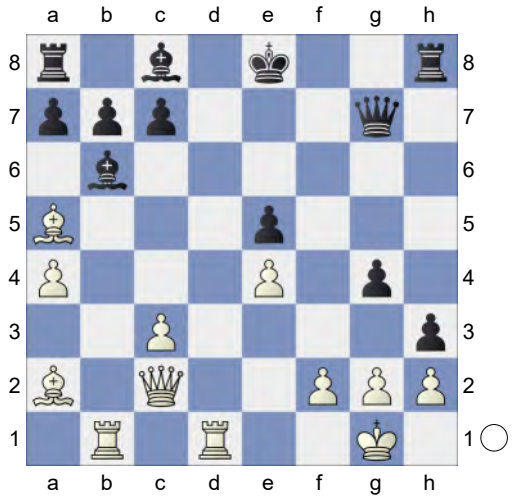


21.Nxe5 fxe5 The position is equal. **22.Bxa5 h3**

[22...Bd7 simplifies 23.Bxb6 axb6 24.Bd5 h3]

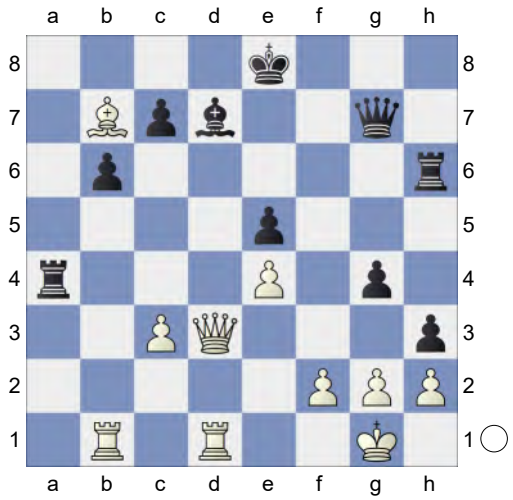


23.Qd3 Bd7

[23...Qf6 feels hotter. 24.Bxb6 axb6 25.Qb5+ Ke7]

24.Bxb6 axb6 25.Bd5 Rxa4 26.Bxb7 Rh6

(Diagram)



Repels Bc6 **27.Bc8!⇄** Decoy. White is not keeping still **27...Rd6 28.Qc2** aiming for Qb3. **28...b5 29.Rxd6 cxd6 30.Bxd7+ Qxd7=** Endgame KQR-KQR **31.Qd3 Rc4 32.Qd5 Rxc3 33.Qg8+ Ke7 34.Qg5+**

[34.Qg7+ Kd8 35.Qg8+ Kc7∓]

34...Ke8 35.gxh3 gxh3 36.Qg8+! Ke7 ...Qc6 is the strong threat. **37.Ra1 Qc7 38.Qh7+ Ke6 39.Qf5+ Ke7 40.Qh7+ Ke6 41.Qf5+ Ke7** (→ ...Rc1+) An even fight not without its subleties. Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) / Black=0.03 (flawless) **42.Qh7+ ½-½**

58 **C52**

□ **Brainy60** **3055**

■ **LaQuaisha** **2973**

Blitz 11.11.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Qe7** The position is equal.

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11.Ba3 f6 12.Bb5+N
[12.Rab1 Bd7 13.Bb4 Rb8 14.a4 Nh6 15.Bd5 c6 16.Ba2 Nf7 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.Nf1 Bc7 19.Ne3 Be6 20.d5 Bd7 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Qd3 Nb7 23.Ba3 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Nc4 Rfd8 26.Qe3 Qxc4 0-1 Zapolskis,A (2257)-Johnson,D (2211) London Mindsports IM 2022 (2)]

12...c6! 13.Bd3 Nh6 14.c4 c5 Repels Bb4 **15.d5 Bd8 16.Bb2** White has compensation. **16...0-0 17.a4 g6 18.h3 Bd7** 0.47/20
[18...b6= -0.03/24]

19.g4 Nf7 20.Nh2 h5 0.59/24
[20...g5= 0.14/21]

21.f4!± hxg4 22.Be2! gxh3 0.83/22
[22...g3= 0.19/22 23.Ng4 g2 24.Kxg2 Bxg4 25.Bxg4 Kg7]

23.Kh1± Kg7 1.06/21
[23...g5!= 0.30/21 keeps the balance.]

24.Bg4 0.35/22
[24.f5 g5∓]
[24.Qd3!± 1.06/21]

24...Rh8±
[24...exf4 25.Rxf4 Ne5 26.Rg1]

25.Rf3 Bc7 0.80/23
[25...exf4± 0.39/21 26.Rxf4 Ne5]

26.Ndf1± Black is on the road to losing.

26...Rag8 1.06/23
[26...exf4 27.Bxd7 Qxd7 28.Rxf4∓]
[26...Nh6!± 0.51/21 27.Bxd7 *(27.Bxh3? Bxh3 28.fxe5 dxe5∓; 27.fxe5 fxe5 28.Bxd7 Qxd7=)* 27...Qxd7]

27.Ne3! Bd8 1.85/23
[27...exf4?! 28.Rxf4 Ne5 29.Raf1=]
[27...Rh7± 0.73/22]

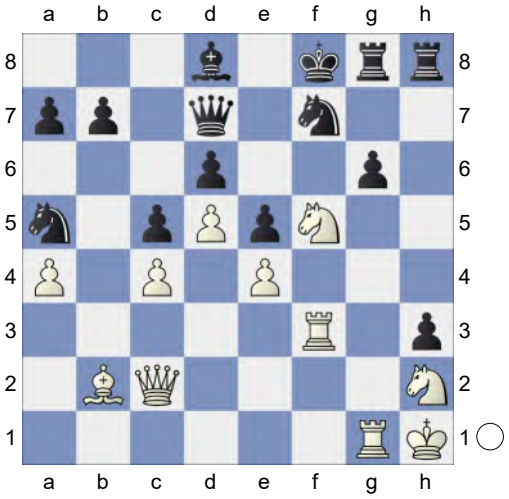
28.Raf1+- Nh6
[28...exf4? 29.Bxf6+ *(29.Rxf4 Ne5±)* 29...Qxf6 30.Rxf4+-]

29.fxe5
[29.Rxh3? Nxg4 30.Rxh8 Nxe3-+ *(30...Rxh8? 31.Nexg4 Bxg4 32.Kg1-+)*]

29...fxe5 30.Bxd7 White is more active.
[30.Rxh3? Nxg4 31.Rxh8 Rxh8-+]

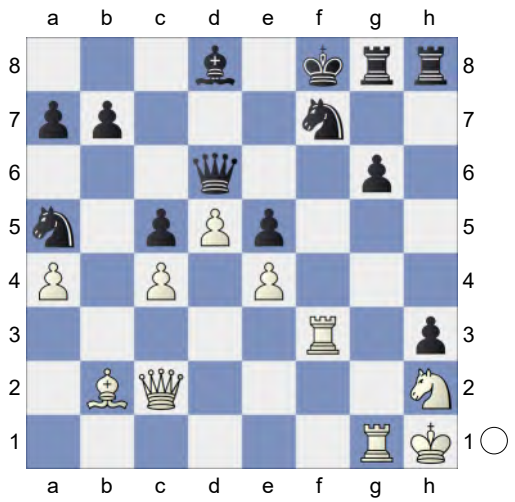
30...Qxd7 31.Rg1! Nf7 2.47/22
[Not 31...Rh7 32.Bc1∓]
[31...g5± 1.02/20]

32.Nf5+ Kf8

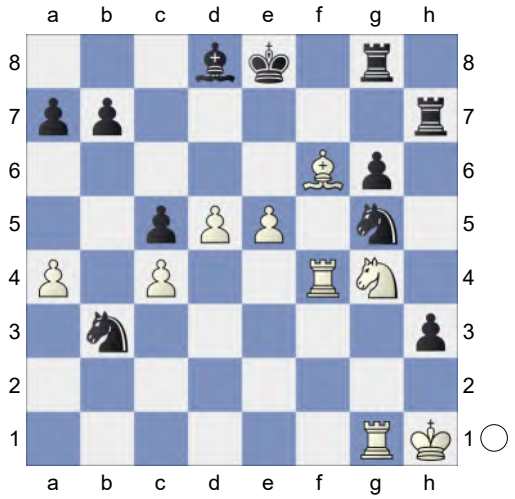


33.Nxd6 Deflection **33...Qxd6**

(Diagram)



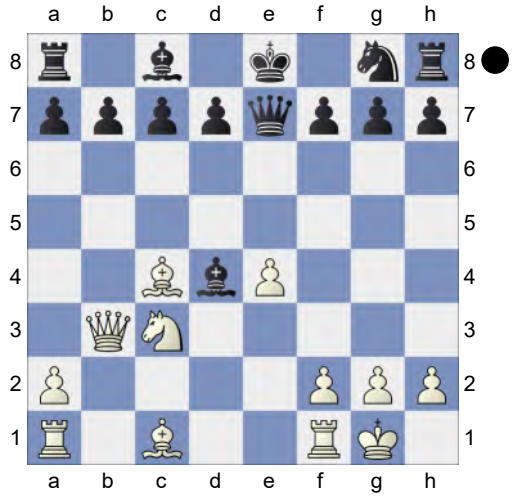
34.Ng4! Rh7 2.75/21
[34...Ke8± 1.33/21 was necessary.]
35.Bxe5 Qb6 36.Bf6 Ke8 37.e5 Ng5 3.68/20
[⌓37...Qb4 2.26/17]
38.Rf4 Qb3? 4.71/21
[38...Nc6 2.50/18]
39.Qxb3 Nxb3



40.Bxd8! Kxd8 41.Nf6 Discovered Attack, Double Attack **41...Rf8 42.Rxg5 Rg7 43.Kh2 Nd4 44.Kxh3 Rh8+ 45.Kg2 b6 46.Rf2 a6 47.d6 Kc8 48.Rg4 Ne6 49.Rb2 Kb7 50.a5 b5 51.cxb5 g5 52.b6 Nd8 53.Kg3 Nf7 54.Re4 Rg6 55.Rf2** and d7 would now be decisive **55...Rg7 56.Rd2 g4 57.e6 Nh6 58.d7 Rd8 59.Rd5 Re7 60.Rxc5 Rh8 61.Rec4 Nf5+ 62.Rxf5 Rh3+ 63.Kg2 Rh8 64.Rfc5 Rh2+ 65.Kxh2 g3+ 66.Kg2 Rxd7 67.exd7 Kb8 68.Rc8+ Kb7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=1.14
69.R4c7#
1-0

59 **C52**
□ **Fruity23** **3055**
■ **MateAI** **3032**
Blitz 21.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4** 0.22/19
[⌓6...d6 -0.15/19]
7.Qb3= Qe7 8.0-0 Bb6
[8...Qxe4? 9.Bxf7+ *(9.Re1 Qxe1+ 10.Nxe1 Ne5+-)* 9...Kd8 10.Re1+- *(10.Bxg8 h6+-)*]
9.cxd4! Nxd4
[9...Qxe4? 10.Re1+- *(10.Bxf7+ Kf8+-)*]
10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Nc3!

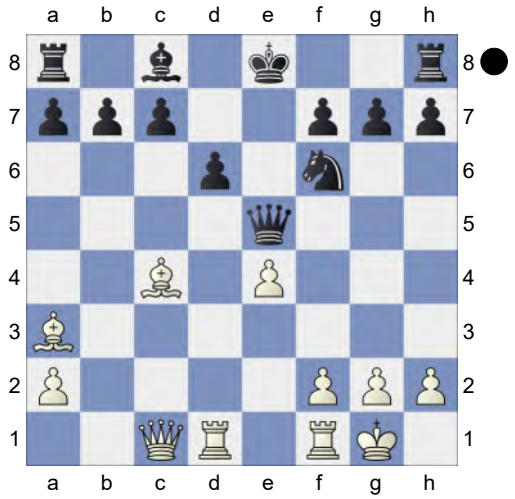


Nf6 The position is equal. **12.Ba3 d6 13.Rad1! Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Qe5**

[14...Nxe4 15.Qb2± *(15.Qxg7 Qf6+-)*]

15.Qc1

[15.Qxe5+ dxe5 16.f4 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.fxe5 Nd7 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Bd6 Kd8 21.Ba3 Ke8 22.Bd6 Kd8 23.Ba3 Ke8 24.Bd6 ½-½ Dimitrijevic,N (2486)-Hedman,J (2497) (open) 89/249 2003 (4.2)]



Strongly threatening f4. **15...0-0**

[15...Nxe4? 16.f3+-]

16.Bb2 Qxe4N

[16...Qe7 17.e5 Ne8 *(17...Ng4 18.f4 dxe5 19.h3 Qc5+ 20.Kh1 Nf2+ 21.Kh2 Be6 22.Bxe6 Qxc1 23.Rxc1 Nd3 24.Bb3 Nxb2 25.fxe5 c6 26.Rf3 b5 27.Rxc6 Nc4* The Main Line-N,N 2014*)* 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.exd6 Nxd6 20.Bb3 Rfe8 21.Rd3 Nf5 22.Rf3 Nh4 23.Rfe3 Nf5 24.Rf3 ½-½ Jirk,J (2383)-Advance Caro-Kann: Short Vari,6 (2451) 154/(201) Istanbul 2022]

17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Bd5 Qb4 19.Qh6 Bf5! 20.Qxf6 Qg4 21.Bxb7 Rae8 22.Qc3 Re7 23.Bc6 Rb8 24.Qa5 Rb6 25.h3 Qg6 26.Rd5 Re5

[26...Bxh3? is the wrong capture. 27.Rg5 Rxc6 28.Rxg6+ hxg6 29.gxh3+-]

27.Rxe5 dxe5 28.Bd5 c6 29.Bf3 e4 30.Bg4 Bxg4 31.hxg4 Qxg4 32.Qxa7 Endgame KQR-KQR. Black is a pawn up. **32...Rb5 33.Qa8+ Kg7** ...Rg5 would now be deadly. **34.Qxc6 Rg5 35.Qc3+ f6 36.g3 Rh5 37.Qa3 Kg6** (→ ...Qh3) **38.Qe3 Qf3 39.Qxf3 exf3 40.a4** An even fight not without its subleties. Weighted Error Value: White=0.00 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless) **40...Ra5**

½-½

60 **C51**

□ **ProteusSF-lite** **3052**

■ **admete_bot** **2403**

Rapid 19.11.2023

[Kitty Kat]

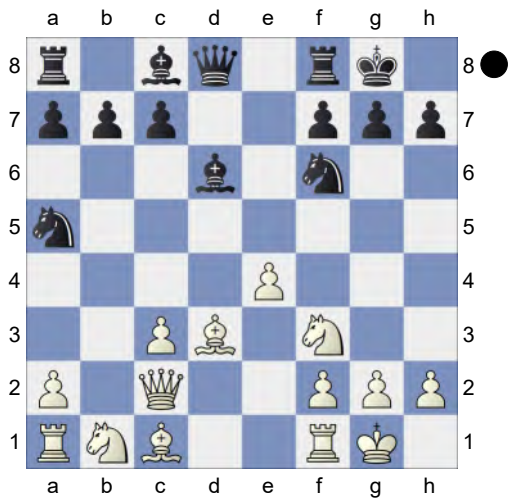
C51: Evans Gambit: Declined and Accepted without 5...Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Be7 6.d4 Na5 7.Bd3 d6 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Nf6** The position is equal. **10.0-0 0-0 11.Qc2 Bd6**

[11...Qd6 12.Nf3 Rd8 13.Be2 Qc6 14.Nbd2 Be6 15.e5 Nd5 16.Ne4 Nb4 17.Qb1 Bxa2 18.Rxa2 Nxa2 19.Bg5 Nxc3 20.Nxc3 Bxg5 21.Nxg5 Qg6 22.Nce4 h6 23.Nf3 Nc6 24.Bc4 Nd4 25.Nf6+ Kh8 26.Qxg6 ½-½ Gonzalez,J (2619)-Rognon,R (2641) II 107/255 Lubbock 2009 (3)]

[11...c5 12.Nd2 Qc7 13.f4 b6 14.c4 Nh5 15.g3 f6 16.Nef3 Nc6 18) Italian Opening: Evans Ga-6.d4 Na5 7.Bd3 Gambit Buster: 1.e4 e5 2024]

12.Nf3

(Diagram)

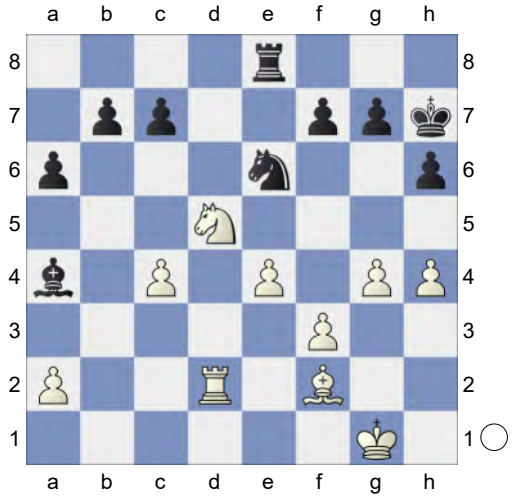


Re8N

[12...Bg4 13.e5 *(13.Nbd2 Re8 14.h3 Bh5 15.Re1 Nd7* Italian,S-Evans Gambit,4*)* 13...Bxf3 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.gxf3 Qh4 16.f4 Qg4+ 17.Kh1 Qf3+ Italian,S-Evans Gambit, 4]

13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 Nc6 15.Nbd2 Bf4 16.Bb5 Bd7 17.Rad1 a6 18.Bxc6 Bxc6 19.Rfe1 Bxd2 20.Nxd2 and Nf1 would now be decisive **20...Qd6 21.f3! Qf4 22.Bf2 Rad8 23.Nf1 Rxd1 24.Rxd1 Nd7 25.c4 Qg5 26.h4 Qa5 27.Ne3 Ba4 28.Qd2 Qxd2 29.Rxd2 Nc5 30.g4 Ne6 31.Nd5 Kh7** 1.11/25

[31...Rd8± 0.60/25]



32.Be3!± White is more active. Loses the game. **32...a5?** 2.53/27

[32...f6± 0.90/24]

33.g5+- h5 3.63/24

[33...hxg5 2.16/24 34.hxg5 b6]

34.Kf2 Bc6 35.f4 Nf8 36.Kf3

[36.Nxc7 Rxe4 37.Nb5 Ng6= *(37...Rxc4 38.Nd6=)*]

36...a4 4.79/21

[⌓36...Nd7 3.33/25 37.Rd4 *(37.Nxc7 Rxe4 38.Ke2 Nb6∓)* 37...f6 38.Nxc7 Rxe4 39.Rxe4 f5 Pin]

37.Bd4

[37.Nxc7? Rxe4 *(37...Bxe4+ 38.Kf2=)* 38.Ke2 Ng6-+ *(38...Rxc4? 39.Rd8-+)*]

37...b6 38.f5

[38.Nxc7 Rxe4 39.Nd5 *(39.Bxb6? Ng6-+)* 39...Re1=]

38...Bb7 5.79/21

[38...Nd7 4.06/21 was worth a try. 39.Re2 *(39.Nxc7?* loses. *Rxe4 40.Kg3 Rg4+ 41.Kh3 Be4-+)* 39...g6 40.Nxc7 Rc8]

39.Kf4

[39.Nxc7 Rxe4 40.Kf2 Rxh4 41.Bxb6 *(41.Nd5? Bxd5 42.cxd5 Rf4+ 43.Ke2 Rxf5-+)* 41...Rf4+ *(41...Rxc4 42.Rd8∓)* 42.Ke1 Rxf5-+ *(42...Rxc4 43.Rd8∓)*]

39...Nd7 6.20/22

[⌓39...c6 3.97/20 40.Nxb6 Ba6]

40.e5

[40.Nxc7 Rxe4+ 41.Kg3 Rg4+ 42.Kf2 *(42.Kh3? Be4-+)* 42...Be4 *(42...Rxh4? 43.Ne8-+)* 43.g6+ fxg6 44.fxg6+ Bxg6∓ *(44...Kxg6 45.Ne8∓)*]

40...c5 41.Bc3 Bc6 42.Nc7 Re7 43.e6 Nf8 44.Rd8 fxe6 45.Rxf8 Intending g6+ and mate. **45...exf5 46.Nd5 Bxd5 47.cxd5** KRB-KR **47...Kg6 48.Be5**

14.65/29

[⌓48.Rg8 #19/28 Re4+ 49.Kf3 Kf7 50.Rxg7+ Ke8 51.d6 Re6 52.d7+ Kd8 53.Bf6+ Rxf6 54.gxf6]

48...b5 49.d6 Rd7 50.Rc8 Kf7 51.Kxf5 g6+ 52.Ke4 Ke6 53.Rf8 Rh7 54.Rf6+ Kd7 55.Kd5 White mates. **55...Ke8 56.Rxg6 Kd7 57.Rg8 Re7 58.dxe7 Kxe7 59.Rg7+ Kd8 60.Rc7 b4 61.g6 Ke8 62.g7 a3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) / Black=0.78 **63.g8Q#**

1-0

61 **C52**

□ **ProteusSF-lite** **3051**

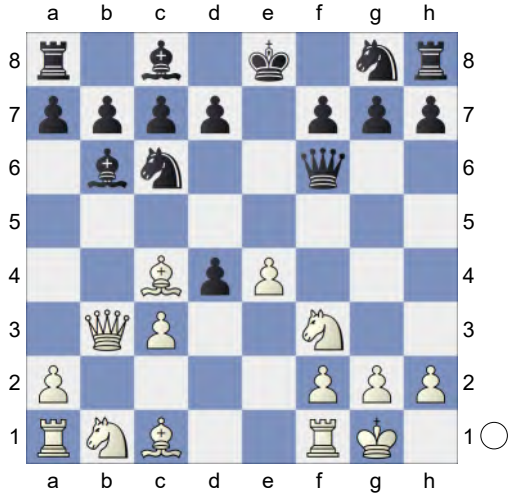
■ **admete_bot** **2392**

Rapid 18.11.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 7.Qb3 Qf6 8.0-0! Bb6



9.e5 The position is equal. **9...Qg6 10.cxd4 Nxd4**

[10...Na5 11.Qc3 Nxc4 12.Qxc4 Ne7 13.Ba3 ½-½ Vasquez Bonifacio, L (2747)-Novy,M (2686) ROM-chT Romania 1994 (3.1)]

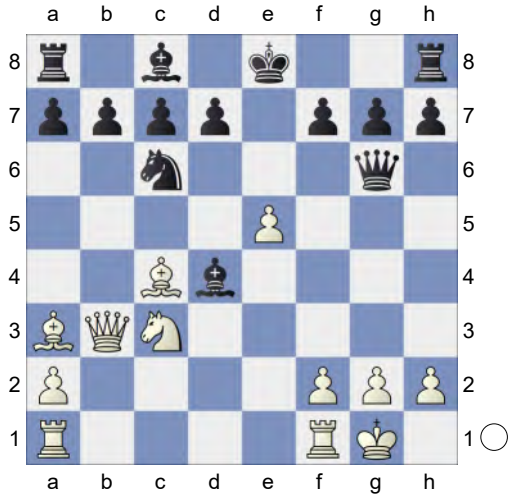
11.Nxd4 Bxd4 12.Nc3! Ne7N Strongly threatening ...b6!.

[12...Bxe5 13.Re1 d6 14.f4±]

[12...b6 13.Bd5 c6 14.Bf3 Qe6 15.Nd5 cxd5 16.Bxd5 Qxe5 17.Rb1 Ba6 18.Bxa8 Bxf1 19.Kxf1 Ne7 20.Ba3 0-0 21.Re1 Qf6 22.Bf3 d6 23.Qa4 Ng6 24.Re2 a5 25.Qc6 Rd8 26.Re8+ Rxe8 27.Qxe8+ 0-1 Kurmann,O (2450)-Karpov,A (2616) Trans Europa Schach Express rapid 2012 (3.7)]

13.Ba3 White has compensation. White now steadily converts the win. **13...Nc6?** 4.03/20

[13...b6!= 0.06/20 and Black has nothing to worry.]



14.Nb5!+- Bb6

[14...Bxe5 15.Rae1]

15.Rad1 Na5

[15...a6 16.Nd6+ cxd6 17.Rxd6+- *(17.Qxb6 0-0+-)*]

16.Qa4

[16.Qb4 c5 *(16...Nc6 17.Qb2±)* 17.Qc3 Nxc4 18.Qxc4 d5 *(18...0-0 19.Nd6=)* 19.exd6 *(19.Qxd5 0-0∓)* 19...0-0+-]

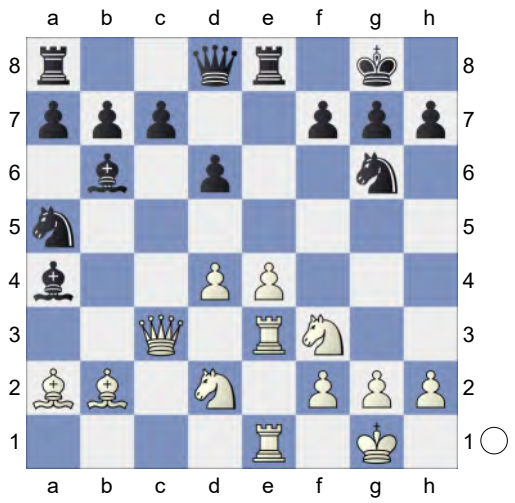
16...Nc6 17.Bd5 Qh5 5.94/19

[⮌17...Kd8 3.97/17 18.Qh4+ f6]
18.Kh1 a6 6.06/22
[⮌18...Kd8 4.27/17 19.f4 Qh4]
19.Nc3 Rg8 9.28/17
[⮌19...Rb8 5.00/18 20.f4 Kd8]
20.f4 a5 21.Ne4 Rh8 22.f5 and f6 would now be decisive **22...Be3 23.f6** White wants to mate with Bxc6. **23...Bh6 24.fxg7 Bxg7 25.Bxf7+ Qxf7 26.Rxf7 Kxf7 27.Rf1+ Ke8 28.Qc4 Nd8** Wards off Qf7+ **29.Nf6+ Bxf6 30.exf6 Rf8** Black is weak on the dark squares **31.Qe4+ Ne6 32.Qxh7 Rf7?** #6/14
[32...d6= 0.00/5 33.Qe7#]
33.Qh8+ Nf8 34.Re1+ Kd8 35.Be7+ Ke8 36.Bxf8+ Re7 37.Rxe7+ Kd8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=1.72 **38.Bh6#**
1-0

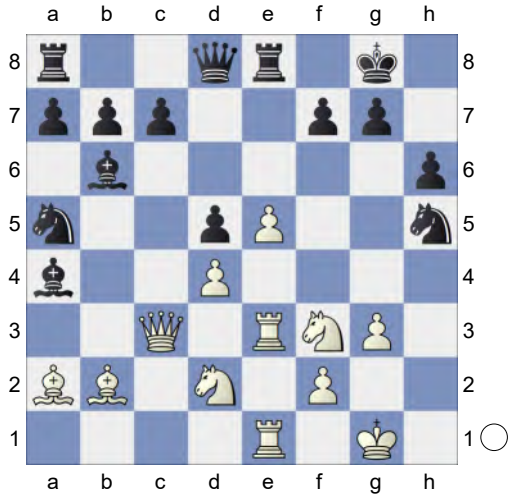
62 **C52**
□ **RaspFish** **3050**
■ **expositor** **2853**
Rapid 13.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 openings101.org
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6 9.Nbd2! exd4N 0.42/20
[9...Na5= -0.18/18 10.Qc2
A) 10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.exd6 Qxd6 13.e5 Qc6 14.Bd3 Ng6 15.c4 Bc5 16.Bb2 Be6 17.Bc3 Qa6 18.Nb3 Nxb3 19.axb3 Qb6 20.Ba5 Qc6 21.Be4 Qd7 22.Bxb7 Rab8 23.Rfd1 Qe7 24.Be4 Bg4 25.Re1 ½-½ Goldenberg,R (2268)-Poliannikov,D (2285) New York Fall IM-D 2022 (5) Bxf3 26.Bxf3 Nxe5 27.Bd5 Qd6 28.Qf5 Ng6 29.Rab1 Ne7 30.Qf3 Nxd5 31.Qxd5 Qxd5 32.cxd5 Rbd8 33.Bxc7 Rxd5 34.b4 Bb6 ½-½ Guarin Fonseca,N (2268)-Rheinheimer,H (2285) Evpatoria 104/274 2008 (5);
B) 10...f6 11.a4 *(11.Re1 Ne7 12.a4 Ng6 13.Ba2 Nf4 14.g3 Qg4 15.Kh1 Nh3 16.Re2 h5 17.Qd3 h4 18.Nf1 hxg3 19.fxg3 Bd7 20.Bd5 0-0-0 21.Bb2 c6 22.Ba2 f5 23.N3d2 f4* Chapter-Evans Gambit*)* 11...Ne7 12.Ba2 Qc6 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Ba3 Be6 15.Bb4 Bxa2 16.Qxa2 Ng6 17.g3 Nf8 18.Bxa5 Bxa5 19.Nc4 Bb6 20.Rad1 Nd7 21.Rd5 0-0-0 0-1 Short,N (2706)-Filippov,A (2595) Kolkata op 4th 2009 (7);
C) 10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3);
D) 10...Nxc4 11.Nxc4 Qc6 12.Nxb6 axb6]
10.cxd4± Na5! White has an edge. **11.Qc3** White has compensation. **11...Ne7 12.a4 0-0 13.Re1 Ng6 14.Bb2 Re8** 0.59/19
[14...Qg4= 0.19/19]
15.Ba2! Qd8 16.Re3 Bd7 0.85/20
[16...a6= 0.24/19 remains equal.]
17.Rae1± Bxa4 1.22/19
[17...Rc8± 0.47/18]

(Diagram)



18.h4! h6 Prevents Ng5
[18...Nxh4 19.Nxh4 Qxh4 20.Rf3=]
19.h5↑ Keeping Black busy. **19...Nf4**
20.g3! Nxh5 21.e5 d5



22.Kg2! Bd7 23.Rh1 White is more active. **23...Bg4** 1.58/19
[Black should play 23...g6 0.87/22]

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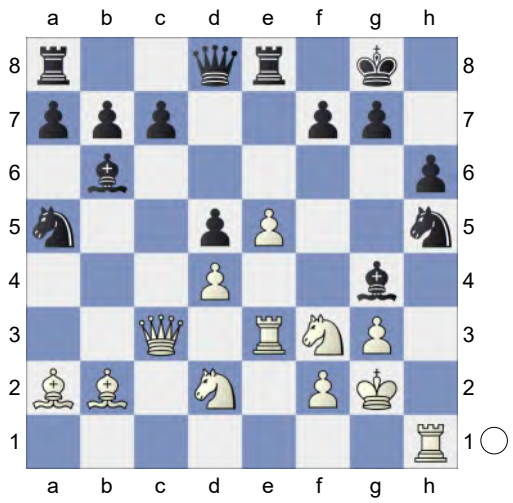

24.Rh4! This move loses the game for Black. **24...f5** 2.59/19
[24...Qd7± 1.00/19]
25.Re1+- Nc6 3.11/19
[25...Qd7 1.87/18 was worth a try.]
26.Reh1 g6 27.Nf1 Qd7 28.Bb1 Qg7? 4.27/18
[28...Kf7 2.50/18 29.Qd3 Ng7]
29.Qd3 Bxf3+ 30.Qxf3 Ne7 6.15/21
[⌓30...Nxd4 3.86/19 31.Rxd4 *(31.Bxd4 Bxd4 32.Qxd5+ Kf8±)* 31...Bxd4 32.Qxd5+ *(32.Bxd4 c5+-)* 32...Kh7 33.Qxd4 *(33.Bxd4 Rad8±)* 33...Rad8 34.Qxa7 Qf7]
31.Ne3
[31.Rxh5 gxh5 32.Rxh5 *(32.Bxf5 Nxf5 33.Qxf5 Qf7∓)* 32...Qg4±]
31...c6

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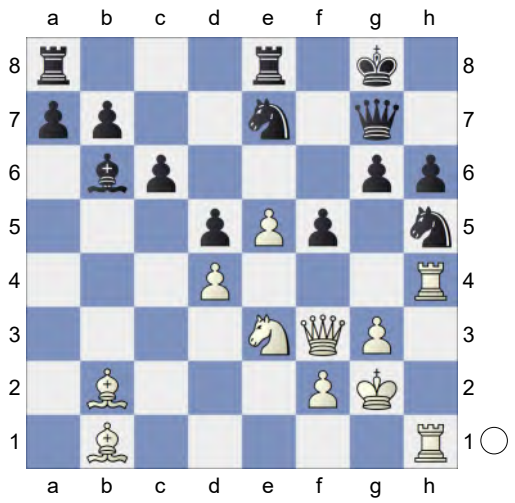
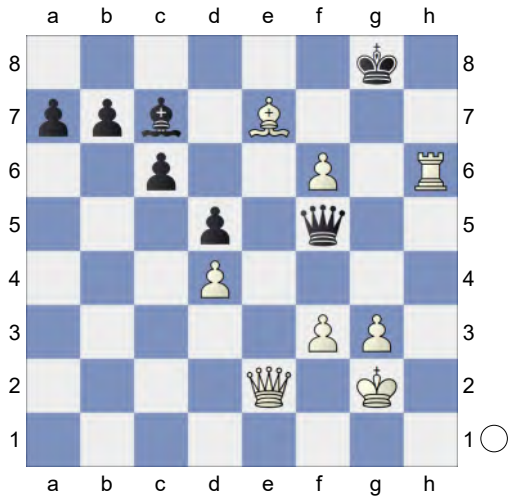


32.Bxf5! Rf8
[32...Nxf5 33.Nxf5]
33.Be6+ Kh8 34.Qd1 Rae8 35.Bg4 Qh7 36.Bxh5 gxh5 37.Bc1 Ng8 38.Rxh5
[Weaker is 38.Qxh5 Bd8±]
38...Qe4+ 39.f3 Qg6 40.Ng4 Rxh6+ is the strong threat. **40...Re6 41.Bxh6 Rf5 42.Rxf5** Threatening mate with Bf8+. Remove Defender **42...Qxf5 43.Bf8+ Nh6 44.Nf6 Rxf6 45.exf6 Bd8 46.Qe2 Kh7 47.Rxh6+ Kg8 48.Be7 Bc7**



49.Bd6! Qd7
[49...Bxd6 50.Qe8+]

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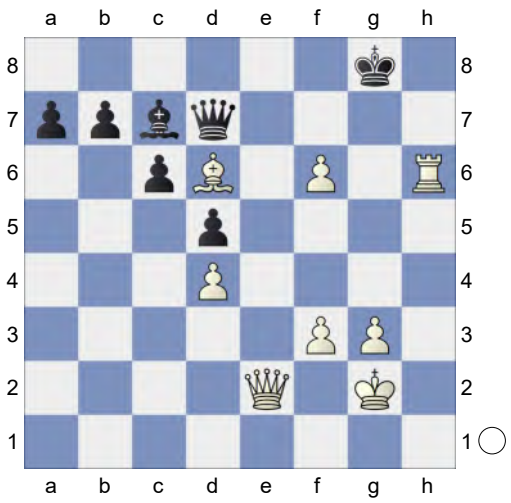


50.Qe5! White mates. **50...Bxd6 51.Qh5 Qg7 52.Qe8+ Bf8 53.fxg7** Pin **53...c5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.61 **54.gxf8Q# 1-0**

63 **C52**
□ **ProteusSF-lite** **3049**
■ **admete_bot** **2393**
Rapid 18.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 Nouveau coup d'œil sur le Gambit Evans
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 0.27/21
[6...d6! -0.19/20 should be considered.]
7.Qb3= Qe7 8.0-0 Bb6
[8...Qxe4? 9.Bxf7+ *(9.Re1 Qxe1+ 10.Nxe1 Nge7+-)* 9...Kd8 10.Ng5+- *(10.Bxg8 h6+-; 10.Re1 Qxe1+ 11.Nxe1 Nge7+-)*]
9.cxd4 White is slightly better. **9...Nxd4**
[9...Qxe4? 10.Re1+- *(10.Bxf7+ Kf8+-)*]
10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Nc3! Nf6 12.Ba3 d6 13.Rad1! Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Qe5
[14...Nxe4? 15.Qxg7 Qf6 16.Qxf6

(16.Bxf7+ Ke7±) 16...Nxf6 17.Bb2+-]

15.Qc1 White has compensation.

[15.Qxe5+ dxe5 16.f4 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.fxe5 Nd7 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Bd6 Kd8 21.Ba3 Ke8 22.Bd6 Kd8 23.Ba3 Ke8 24.Bd6 ½-½ Dimitrijevic,N (2486)-Hedman,J (2497) (open) 89/249 2003 (4.2)]

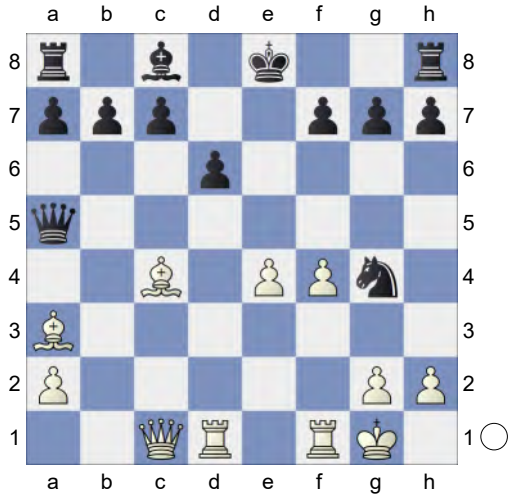
15...Ng4N 0.77/22

[15...Nxe4? 16.Bd5+-]

[15...Bd7= 0.23/21]

[15...0-0 16.Bb2 Qe7 17.e5 Ne8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.exd6 Nxd6 20.Qc3 *(20.Bb3 Rfe8 21.Rd3 Nf5 22.Rf3 Nh4 23.Rfe3 Nf5 24.Rf3 ½-½* Jirk,J (2383)-Advance Caro-Kann: Short Vari,6 (2451) 154/(201) Istanbul 2022 *)* 20...Qf6 21.Qc1 Qh4 22.Qc3 Ne8 23.Bd5 Rb8 24.Rd3 Rd8 25.Rg3 Qxg3 26.hxg3 Rxd5 27.Ba3 Nd6 28.Qxc7 Nb5 29.Qe7 Rfd8 30.Bb2 1-0 Yvinec,J (2349)-Pavoni,F (2310) corr W-32ch prel09 2008]

16.f4± Qa5!



17.Rf3! Strongly threatening h3. **17...0-0**

[17...Qb6+ 18.Kh1=]

18.Bb2! Black is on the road to losing.

18...Be6 19.Be2 f5!

[19...Bxa2? 20.Rg3+-]

20.exf5 Bxf5 1.38/23

[⌓20...Qxf5 0.71/24 21.Qxc7 Rf7 22.Qxd6 Rd7]

21.Rb3→ 0.84/21 Black is in trouble.

[⌓21.Qc4+ 1.38/23 Kh8 22.Rb3 Qc5+ *(22...Qxa2? 23.Ra1+-)* 23.Qxc5 dxc5 24.Rd2 *(24.Rxb7 Rfb8±)*]

21...Qc5+

[21...Qxa2? 22.Qxc7+-]

22.Qxc5 dxc5 23.h3 White is more active.

[23.Rxb7 Rab8 24.Rxb8 Rxb8]

23...Be6 4.46/23 Prevents Bc4

[23...Nf6± 0.88/24 is a better chance.]

24.hxg4+-

[Less strong is 24.Bxg4 Bxb3 25.axb3 Rfd8+-]

24...Bxb3 25.axb3 Rad8 ...Rxd1+ is the strong threat. **26.Bc4+ Kh8 27.Rf1 h6 28.Rf3 Kh7 29.f5 Rd6 30.Kh2 Re8=** -0.01/20 **31.Rh3**

[31.Be6 b5]

31...Rf8 32.Rf3? -0.01/20

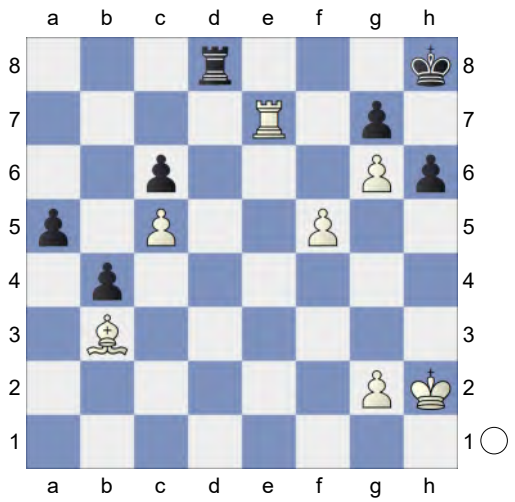
[32.Be5+- 6.36/22]

32...Rb8? 7.69/25 **33.Be5** Skewer **33...b5 34.Be6**

[34.Bxd6 bxc4 35.Bxc7 *(35.Bxc5 cxb3 36.Rf1 a5±)* 35...Rb7+-]

34...Rd1 35.g5 Re1 36.g6+ Kh8 37.Bc3 A strong pair of Bishops. **37...Re4 38.Rh3 Rd4 39.b4 Rbd8 40.bxc5 b4 41.Bxd4 Rxd4** Endgame KRB-KR **42.Re3 Rd8 43.Bb3** White wants to mate with Re7. **43...c6 44.Re7** White mates. **44...a5**

(Diagram)



45.f6! Rg8 46.fxg7+ Deflection **46...Rxg7 47.Re8+ Rg8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.86 **48.Rxg8#**
1-0

64 **C52**
□ **caissa-x** **3047**
■ **PetersBot** **3001**
Rapid 06.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 15min+3sec C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Qe7**

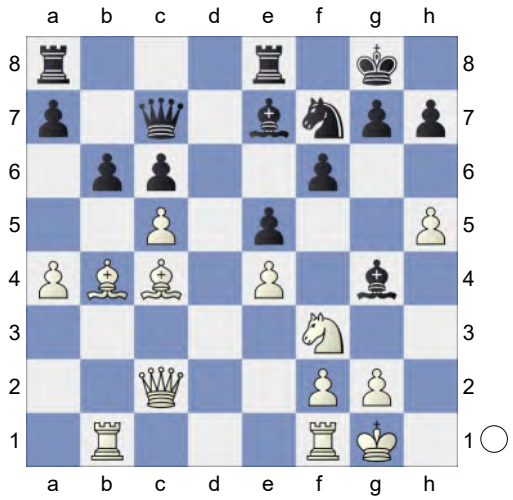
[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]

[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]

11.Ba3 f6 12.Bb5+N

[12.Rab1 Bd7 13.Bb4 Rb8 14.a4 Nh6 15.Bd5 c6 16.Ba2 Nf7 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.Nf1 Bc7 19.Ne3 Be6 20.d5 Bd7 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Qd3 Nb7 23.Ba3 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Nc4 Rfd8 26.Qe3 Qxc4 0-1 Zapolskis,A (2257)-Johnson,D (2211) London Mindsports IM 2022 (2)]

12...c6 13.Bd3 Nh6 14.c4 0-0 15.c5 dxc5 16.dxc5 Bd8 17.Bb4 White has compensation. **17...Re8 18.a4 Qc7 19.Rab1 Nf7 20.h4 b6 21.Nc4 Nxc4 22.Bxc4 Be7 23.h5 Bg4**



The position is equal. **24.h6! Bxf3 25.Bxf7+ Kxf7 26.Qb3+ Kg6 27.Qxf3 Kxh6 28.Rfd1 Rad8**

[28...Bxc5? 29.Qh3+ Kg6 30.Qf5+ Kf7 31.Rd7++- *(31.Qxh7? Rh8-+)*]

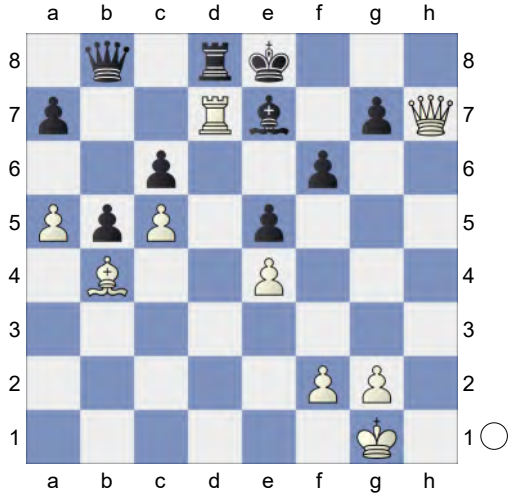
29.Rxd8 Qxd8

[29...Bxd8? 30.Qh3+ Kg6 31.cxb6 axb6 32.Rd1+-]

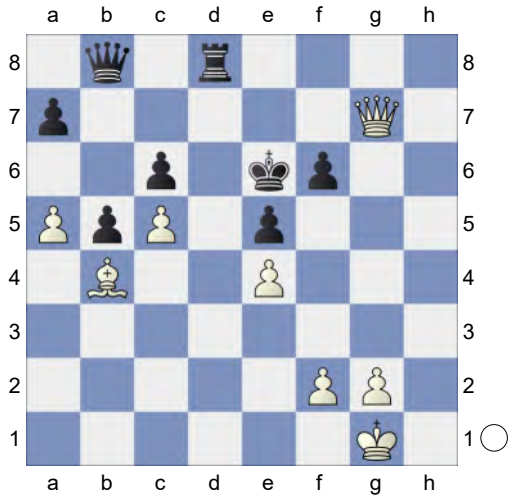
30.Qh3+ Kg6 31.Qg4+ Kf7!

[31...Kh6? 32.Rd1+-]

32.Rd1! Qb8 33.Rd7 b5 34.Qh5+
[34.axb5 Qxb5 35.Bd2 Rd8 *(35...Qxc5 36.Qh5+ Kf8 37.Qxh7=)* 36.Rxe7+ Kxe7]
34...Kf8! 35.a5⇄ a6! would now be deadly. White is not keeping still **35...Rd8 36.Qxh7! Ke8**



37.Rxe7+ Kxe7 38.Qxg7+= Endgame KQR-KQB **38...Ke6**



39.f4! exf4 40.Qg4+ Ke7 41.Qg7+ Ke6 42.Qg4+ Ke7 43.Qg7+ Ke8 feels hotter. **44.Bc3 Rd1+ 45.Kf2** The board is on fire. **45...Qd8 46.Qg6+ Kf8! 47.Qh6+ Kf7 48.Qh7+ Ke6 49.Qf5+ Kf7 50.Qh7+ Ke8 51.Qh5+ Ke7 52.Qh7+ Ke8 53.Qg6+ Kf8! 54.Qh6+**
[54.Qxf6+? is the wrong capture. Qxf6 55.Bxf6 Rd2+ 56.Kf3
A) 56...Kf7? 57.Ba1-+ *(57.Be5-+)*;
B) 56...b4-+]
54...Kg8 55.Qg6+ A balanced but interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless) **55...Kf8**
½-½

65 **C52**
□ **RaspFish** **3044**
■ **Nikitosik-ai** **3027**
Rapid 16.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Qe7** The position is equal.
[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]
[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]
11.Ba3 f6 12.Bb5+N
[12.Rab1 Bd7 13.Bb4 Rb8 14.a4 Nh6 15.Bd5 c6 16.Ba2 Nf7 17.Rfd1

0-0 18.Nf1 Bc7 19.Ne3 Be6 20.d5 Bd7 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Qd3 Nb7 23.Ba3 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Nc4 Rfd8 26.Qe3 Qxc4 0-1 Zapolskis,A (2257)-Johnson,D (2211) London Mindsports IM 2022 (2)]

12...c6 13.Bd3 Nh6 14.c4 c5 Repels Bb4 **15.d5 g6 16.Bb2 Bd7 17.Bc3 Bc7 18.g3 b6 19.Nh4 0-0-0 20.Qb2** White has compensation. **20...Nb7 21.a4 a5 22.Nb1 g5** 0.39/22

[22...Kb8= -0.01/19 was preferable.]

23.Ng2± Rdf8 24.Na3 Qe8 0.85/20

[24...Kb8= 0.10/19 keeps the balance.]

25.Ne3± Bd8 26.Nb5 Bxb5 27.Qxb5 Qxb5 28.cxb5 Black is weak on the light squares **28...Kb8 29.Kh1 Nf7 30.Be2 h5 31.Bd2 Rh7 32.Kg2 Nh8 33.Rh1 Ng6 34.Rag1 h4** 1.60/21

[⌓34...Rg8 0.93/17]

35.Bg4 Ne7 36.Rf1 Bc7 37.Kf3 Nd8 38.Ke2 Rfh8 39.Rhg1 Kb7 40.h3 Nf7 41.Kd1 Rg7 42.Be6 Nd8 43.Bg4? -0.01/20

[43.Bf5+- 1.62/20]

43...Nf7!= 44.Bd7 Ng6 45.Nc4 Nf8 46.Bg4 Ng6 47.Kc2 Nh6!= -0.01/19 **48.Be6 Nf7 49.Bd7** 1.25/19 **Ka7± 50.Be6?** -0.01/20

[White should try 50.Rb1+- 1.73/21]

50...Kb7!= 51.Bg4? -0.01/19 White has more active pieces.

[51.Bf5± 1.55/20]

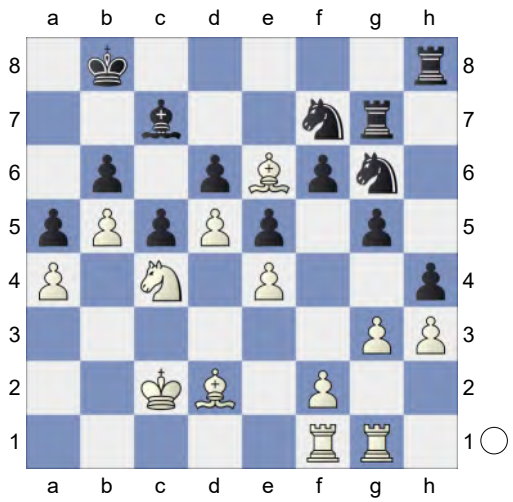
51...Kb8? 2.03/21 **52.Bf5+- Ne7** 1.86/23

[52...Kb7± 1.23/18]

53.Be6 This pair of bishops is nice. **53...Ng6** 2.58/22

[53...Nd8 1.78/19]

(Diagram)



54.Bxa5! bxa5 55.b6 Nf8? 4.09/22

[55...Nd8 1.83/20 might work better.]

56.Bg4 Bd8 57.Nxa5 Bxb6 58.Rb1 Kc7 59.Nc4 Ba7 60.Rb5 Ng6 61.Rgb1 Rb8 Against Rb7+

[61...Nd8? 62.Ra5 Nb7 63.Rxa7+-]

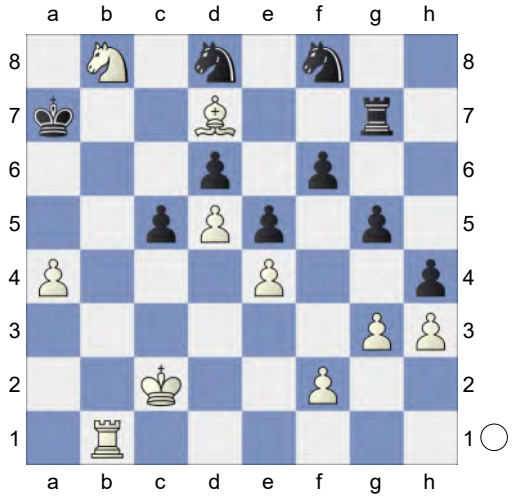
62.Rxb8 Bxb8 63.Nb6 Kb7? 7.59/22 Against Na8+

[63...Kd8 3.07/23]

64.Nd7+ Discovered Attack (Check), Double Attack **64...Ka7 65.Nxb8**

[65.Rxb8 Nh6 66.Rc8 *(66.Be6? Rxd7 67.Rc8 Re7-+)* 66...Kb7 67.Rb8+ *(67.Nxf6?* loses. *Nxg4 68.Ne8 Kxc8-+)* 67...Kc7-+]

65...Nd8 66.Bd7 Nf8

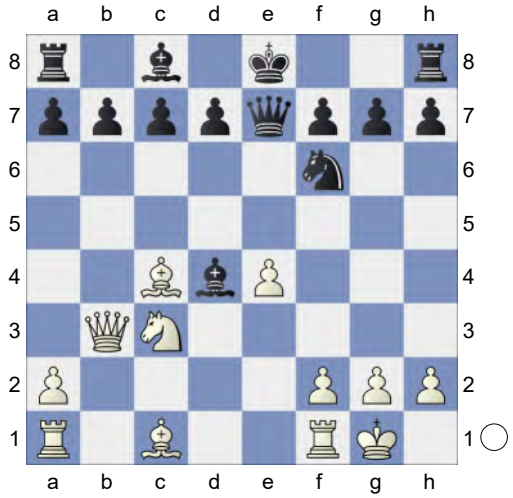


67.Nc6+! Nxc6 68.dxc6 Black must

now prevent c7.
[68.Bxc6 g4 69.hxg4 *(69.gxh4 gxh3 70.Rh1 Rh7±)* 69...h3±]
68...Nxd7 Endgame KRN-KR **69.Rb7+** Pin, Zwischenzug, Double Attack **69...Ka6 70.Rxd7** KR-KR
[70.cxd7 Rg8 71.Rc7 Rd8±]
70...Rg8 71.gxh4
[71.Rxd6 Ka5 72.Kc3 *(72.Rxf6 Kxa4 73.c7 Rc8+-)* 72...Kb6 73.Rxf6 Ra8±]
71...gxh4 72.c7
[72.Rxd6 Ra8±]
72...Rc8 73.Rxd6+ Kb7 74.Rd7
[Less strong is 74.Rxf6 Rxc7 75.Kc3 Rd7+-]
74...c4 75.Kc3 Kc6 76.Rh7 Rg8 77.Kxc4 Rc8 78.a5 Rg8 79.a6 Rc8 80.a7 Rg8 81.Kb4 Re8 82.Ka5 Rc8 83.Ka6 Ra8 84.Rg7 Rh8 85.Rg1 15.66/26
[⌓85.c8R+ 33.97/33 Rxc8 86.Rb7]
85...Kxc7 86.Rg7+ Kd6 87.Kb7 Kc5 88.a8Q 34.40/32
[⌓88.Rd7 #19/30 Rf8 89.a8Q *(89.a8B Kb4+-)* 89...Rxa8 90.Kxa8 Kc4 91.Kb7 Kc5 92.Rd5+ Kb4 93.Kc7 *(93.Rd6 Kc3+-)*]
88...Rxa8 89.Kxa8 KR-K3P **89...Kb6 90.Rg6 Kc5 91.Rg4 Kd6 92.Rxh4** KR-KPP **92...Ke7 93.Kb7 f5 94.exf5** KR-KP **94...Kd6 95.Rh8 Ke7 96.Rh6 Kf7 97.Kc7 Ke8 98.Kd6 Kf7 99.Rg6 e4 100.h4** White threatens h5 and mate. **100...Ke8 101.Rf6 e3 102.fxe3 Kd8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.22 (precise) **103.Rf8# 1-0**

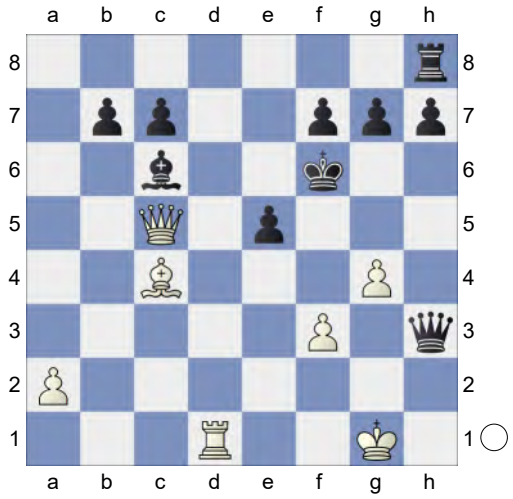
66 **C52**
□ **Boller1910** **3043**
■ **Nikitosikbot_v2** **3043**
Blitz 21.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 Nouveau coup d'œil sur le Gambit Evans **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 7.Qb3 Qe7 8.0-0 Bb6**
[8...Qxe4? 9.Bxf7+ *(9.Re1 Qxe1+ 10.Nxe1 Nd8+-)* 9...Kd8 10.Re1+- *(10.Bxg8 h6+-)*]
9.cxd4 Nxd4
[9...Qxe4? 10.Re1+- *(10.Bxf7+ Kf8+-)*]
10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Nc3! Nf6



12.Ba3 d6 13.Rad1! Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Qe5
[14...Nxe4?! 15.Qxg7 Qf6 16.Qxf6 *(16.Bxf7+ Ke7+-)* 16...Nxf6 17.Bb2+-]
15.Qc1 White has compensation.
[15.Qxe5+ dxe5 16.f4 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.fxe5 Nd7 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Bd6 Kd8 21.Ba3 Ke8 22.Bd6 Kd8 23.Ba3 Ke8 24.Bd6 ½-½ Dimitrijevic,N (2486)-Hedman,J (2497) (open) 89/249 2003 (4.2)]

15...Bd7N 0.45/22
[15...Nxe4? 16.f3+-]
[15...0-0= 0.05/22 16.Bb2 Qe7 17.e5 Ne8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.exd6 Nxd6 20.Qc3 *(20.Bb3 Rfe8 21.Rd3 Nf5 22.Rf3 Nh4 23.Rfe3 Nf5 24.Rf3* ½-½ Jirk,J (2383)-Advance Caro-Kann: Short Vari,6 (2451) 154/(201) Istanbul 2022*)* 20...Qf6 21.Qc1 Qh4 22.Qc3 Ne8 23.Bd5 Rb8 24.Rd3 Rd8 25.Rg3 Qxg3 26.hxg3 Rxd5 27.Ba3 Nd6 28.Qxc7 Nb5 29.Qe7 Rfd8 30.Bb2 R5d7 1-0 Yvinec,J (2349)-Pavoni,F (2310) corr W-32ch prel09 2008]
16.Bb2± Qh5
[16...Qxe4? 17.Rfe1 0-0-0 18.Rxe4 Nxe4 19.Bxg7+- *(19.Bxf7 Rhf8+-)*]
[16...Qa5!?]
17.e5 Ng4 18.h3
[18.Qf4 simplifies Nxe5 19.Bxe5 dxe5 20.Bxf7+ Qxf7 21.Qxf7+ Kxf7 22.Rxd7+ Kf6 23.Rxc7 Rab8 24.Rb1]
18...Nxe5 19.Bxe5 dxe5→ Black mounts an attack.
[19...Qxe5? 20.Rfe1 0-0-0 21.Rxe5 dxe5 22.Qg5+- *(22.Bxf7 Rhf8+-)*]
20.Qa3 White wants to play Rfe1.
20...Bc6 White must now prevent ...Qg6.
21.Qc5 Rd8
[21...Qg5!? 22.Bd5□ Qf6± *(22...Bxd5 23.Rxd5 f6 24.f4±)*]
22.Rxd8+ Kxd8 23.f3! Kc8 24.Qxa7 And now Rd1 would win. **24...Kd7!**
[Don't blunder 24...Re8? 25.Rd1+-]
25.Rd1+ Ke7 26.g4 Wards off Qf5. Intending Qc5+ and mate. **26...Qxh3**
27.Qc5+? -4.81/5
[27.Qa3+= 0.01/31 and White is okay. Ke8 *(27...Kf6 28.Rd6+ cxd6 29.Qxd6+ Kg5 30.Qxe5+ Kh4 31.Qh5+ Kg3 32.Qe5+ Kh4 33.Qh5+ Kg3 34.Qe5+ Kh4=)* 28.Be2 *(28.Qa8+ Ke7=)*]
27...Kf6-+



28.Rd6+! The position is equal.
28...cxd6 29.Qxd6+ Kg5 30.Qxe5+ Kh4 31.Qh5+ Kg3 32.Qe5+ Kh4 (→ ...Qg3+) **33.Qh5+ Kg3 34.Qe5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
34...Kh4=
½-½

67 **C52**
□ **Buletten-Karl** **3041**
■ **BerserkEngine** **3028**
Blitz 10.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Qe7**
[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5

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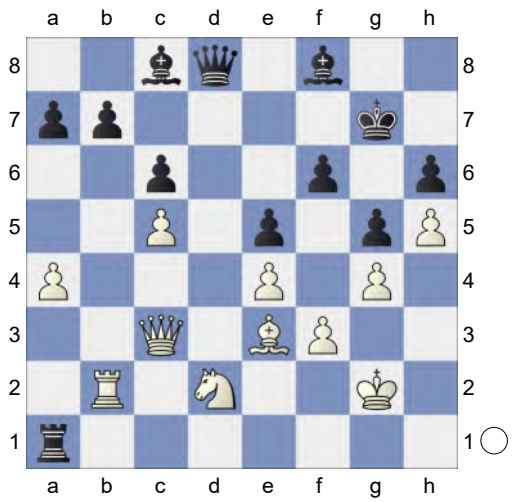
[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]

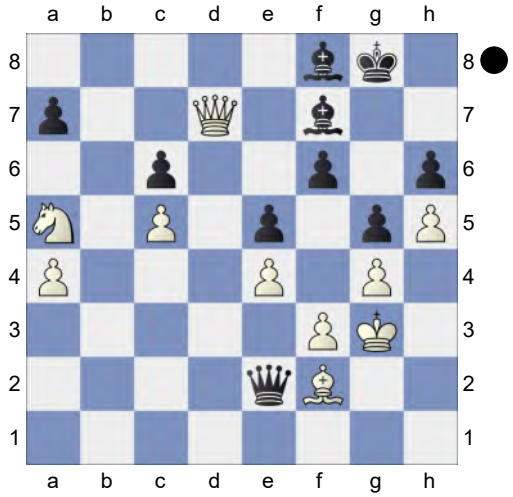
11.Ba3 f6 12.Bb5+N
[12.Rab1 Bd7 13.Bb4 Rb8 14.a4 Nh6 15.Bd5 c6 16.Ba2 Nf7 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.Nf1 Bc7 19.Ne3 Be6 20.d5 Bd7 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Qd3 Nb7 23.Ba3 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Nc4 Rfd8 26.Qe3 Qxc4 0-1 Zapolskis,A (2257)-Johnson,D (2211) London Mindsports IM 2022 (2)]

12...c6 13.Bd3 Nh6 14.c4 0-0 15.c5 dxc5 16.dxc5 Bd8 17.Bb4 White has compensation. **17...Nf7 18.a4 Qc7 19.Rab1 Re8 20.Rfc1 Be7 21.Nc4 Nxc4 22.Bxc4 Bf8 23.Qb3! g6 24.Bd2 Kg7 25.Be3 Nd8 26.Qc3 Ne6 27.Ba2 Bd7 28.g4 h6 29.h4 Kh7 30.h5 g5 31.Rb2 Rad8 32.Rcb1 Bc8 33.Bxe6 Rxe6 34.Nd2 Re7 35.f3 Red7 36.Nc4 Rd1+ 37.Rxd1 Rxd1+** The position is equal. **38.Kg2 Qd7 39.Nd2** Active counter play! **39...Ra1 40.Qc4 Qd8 41.Nb3 Rd1! 42.Nd2 Kg7 43.Qc3 Ra1**

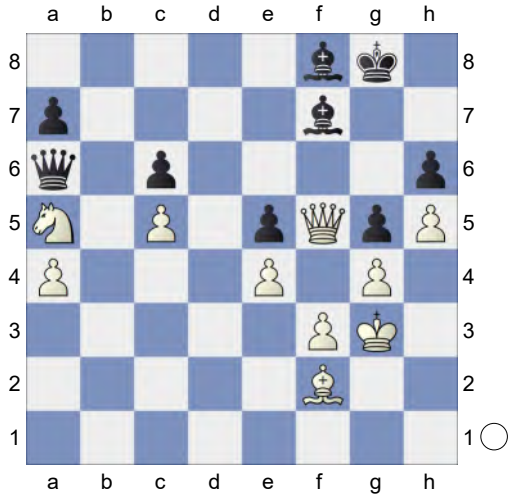
(Diagram)



44.Rxb7+! Discovered Attack **44...Bxb7 45.Qxa1 Qd3 46.Qb2**
[46.Qe1 simplifies Kf7 47.Qb1 Qxb1 48.Nxb1 Ba6 49.Nd2]
46...Qe2+ 47.Bf2 Ba6 48.Kg3 Bd3 49.Qb7+ Kg8 50.Qb3+ Kh7 51.Qf7+ Bg7 52.Qg6+ Kg8 53.Qe8+ Kh7 54.Qg6+ Kg8 55.Nb3 Bc4 56.Qe8+
[56.Na5!? Bf7□ 57.Qf5=]
56...Bf8 57.Qg6+ Bg7 ...Bf7! would now be deadly. **58.Qe8+ Bf8 59.Na5!? Bf7□ 60.Qd7**
[60.Qxc6=]



Some like it hot **60...f5! 61.Qxf5= Qa6 62.Be1 Qe2 63.Bf2 Qa6**
(Diagram)



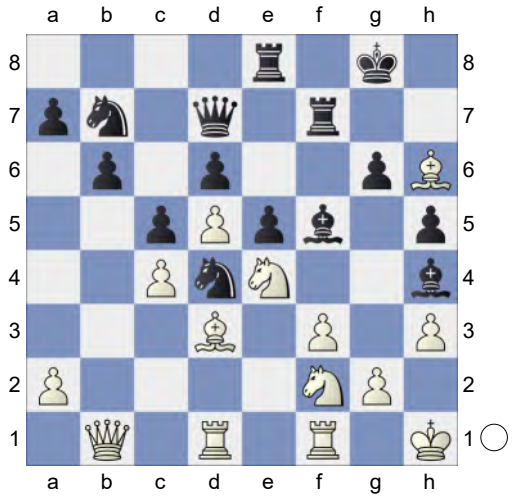
64.Qxe5! And now Bd4! would win.
64...Qxa5 65.Bd4⇄ White has counterplay **65...Qe1+**
[65...Qxa4 66.Qh8#]
66.Kh2 Qe2+ 67.Kg3 Qe1+ 68.Kh2 Qe2+ 69.Kg1 Qd1+
[69...Qxf3 70.Qh8#]
70.Kg2 Qd2+
[Inferior is 70...Qxa4 71.Qh8#]
[70...Bc4 keeps more tension. 71.Qh8+ Kf7 72.Qf6+ Ke8]
71.Kh3 Bc4 72.Qh8+ Kf7 73.Qf6+ Ke8 74.Qxc6+ Ke7 75.Qd6+ Ke8 76.Qc6+ Kf7 77.Qf6+ Ke8 (→ ...Bf1+) An even fight not without its subleties. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
78.Qc6+
½-½

68 **C52**
□ **RemstalBot** **3040**
■ **Mr-Chess-Berserk** **2991**
Blitz 26.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

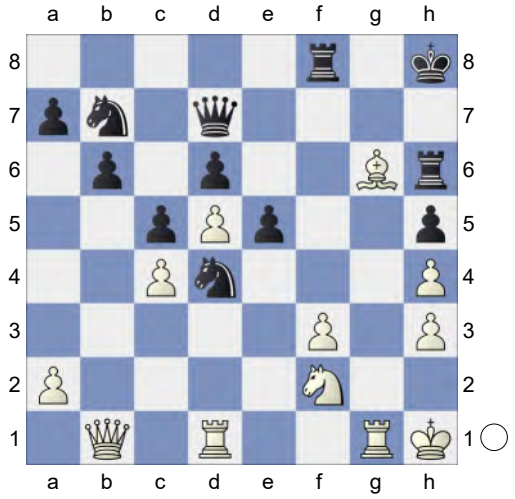
Blitz 3min C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Qe7**
[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]
[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]
11.Ba3 f6 12.Bb5+N
[12.Rab1 Bd7 13.Bb4 Rb8 14.a4 Nh6 15.Bd5 c6 16.Ba2 Nf7 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.Nf1 Bc7 19.Ne3 Be6 20.d5 Bd7 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Qd3 Nb7 23.Ba3 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Nc4 Rfd8 26.Qe3 Qxc4 0-1 Zapolskis,A (2257)-Johnson,D (2211) London Mindsports IM 2022 (2)]
12...c6 13.Bd3 Nh6 14.c4 c5 Dodges Bb4 **15.d5 0-0 16.Bb2** White has compensation. **16...Bd7 17.h3 Rae8 18.Bc3 Bd8 19.Rae1 g6 20.Nh2 b6 21.Kh1 Nf7 22.Ng4 h5** 0.37/21
[22...Kh8= -0.08/20]
23.Ne3± Nh6 24.Qb1 Qh7 25.f3 f5 26.exf5 Nxf5 27.Ne4 Repels Ng3+ **27...Nb7 28.Bd2 Nd4 29.Nd1 Bh4 30.Ndf2**
[30.Bg5 Bxe1 31.Rxe1 Kg7∓]
30...Bf5 31.Rd1 Qd7 0.98/22
[31...Qg7= 0.01/19 keeps the

balance.]

32.Bh6!± Rf7



33.g3! Rh7 34.gxh4 Bxe4 35.Bxe4 Rxh6 36.Bxg6 Rf8 37.Rg1 Kh8!



38.Qc1 0.01/20

[38.Rg2!± 0.90/26]

38...Rf4!= 39.Qe3 Na5⇄ Black is not keeping still **40.Bd3 Qd8**

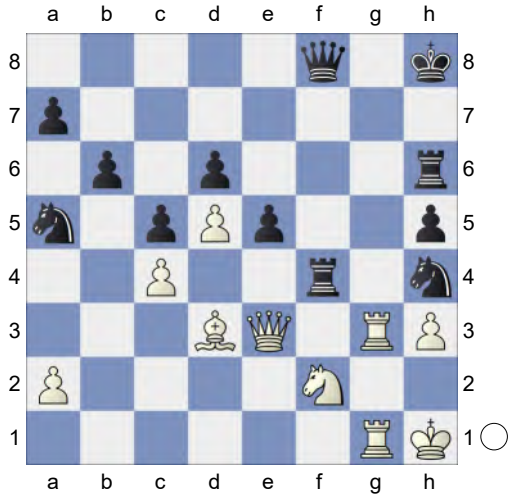
[40...Rxf3 41.Qxh6+]

41.Rg2 Nxf3 Excellent horsemanship.

[41...Qxh4? 42.Rdg1 Qd8 43.Be4 Nxc4 44.Qc1+-]

42.Rg3 Nxh4 43.Rdg1 Qf8

(Diagram)



44.Be4! Nxc4!

[44...Rxf2 45.Qxh6+ Qxh6 46.Rg8#]

45.Qd3 0.01/28

[45.Qe2± 0.49/27 should be considered.]

45...Rxf2 46.Rg8+ Decoy **46...Qxg8 47.Rxg8+ Kxg8 48.Qg3+** The position is equal.

[48.Qxc4? is the wrong capture. Rf4 49.Qd3 Rhf6-+]

48...Ng6! 49.Qxf2 Nf4 50.Qh4 Kf7! 51.Qd8 Prevents Rh8. Threatens to win with Qc7+. **51...Rf6! 52.Qd7+ Kf8 53.Qd8+ Kf7 54.Qd7+ Kf8 55.Qd8+**

[55.Qxa7 Nxh3 56.Kh2 Ng5∓]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless) **55...Kf7 ½-½**

69 **C52**

□ **Booktester** **3039**

■ **ArasanX** **2973**

Blitz 09.11.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2**

Na5 10.Qc2 f6 The position is equal.
[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]
[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]

11.a4! Ne7 12.Ba2 Nec6 13.Re1N
[13.Ba3 exd4 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Bxd4 16.Rad1 Qe7 17.e5 fxe5 18.Nf3 Nc6 19.Bd5 Kd8 20.Rfe1 Qf6 21.Bxc6 bxc6 22.Qxc6 Rb8 23.Rc1 Bb6 24.Nxe5 Re8 25.Bxd6 cxd6 26.Nf7+ Qxf7 27.Qxd6+ Qd7 ½-½ Castro Salguero, R (2515)-10. ♗e7 ♕e7 11. ♘e2_13982 (2637) 68/488 Nis 1996 28.Rxe8+ Kxe8 29.Qxb8 Kd8 30.Qf4 Qf5 31.Qg3 g6 32.a5 Bxa5 33.Qd6+ Bd7 34.Qb8+ Ke7 35.Qxa7 Qd5 36.Qc5+ 1-0 Beggi,P-Jagodzinski,W Reggio Emilia 6566 1965 (8)]

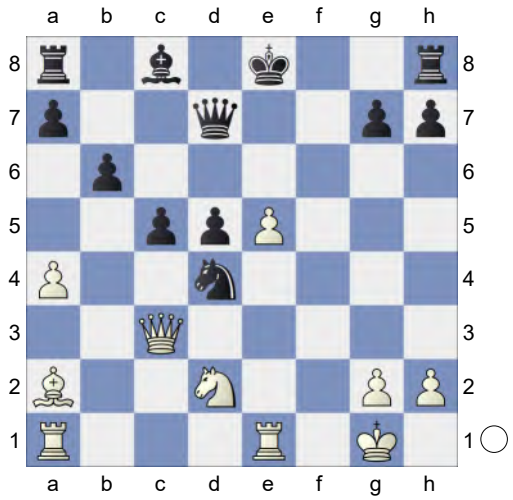
13...exd4 0.37/20
[13...Qe7= 0.01/18 deserves consideration.]

14.Nxd4± Nxd4 15.cxd4 Bxd4 16.Bb2 Nc6 17.Bxd4! Nxd4 18.Qc3 c5
[18...Qxa4? 19.Bf7+ *(19.Qxc7 Qd7±)* 19...Kxf7 20.Rxa4+-]

19.f4 b6!
[19...Qxa4? 20.Bf7+ Kxf7 21.Rxa4+-]

20.e5! fxe5
[20...Qxa4 21.exf6+ *(21.Bf7+ Kxf7 22.Rxa4 dxe5+-)* 21...Kf8 22.fxg7+ Kxg7 23.Qg3+ Kf8 24.Qg5+-]

21.fxe5 d5



22.e6! Nxe6 0.72/25
[22...Qd6= 0.09/21]

23.Re5 0.32/23 White has more active pieces.
[23.Qf3± 0.72/25 Bb7 *(23...Qxa4? 24.Bxd5 Qd4+ 25.Kh1+-)* 24.Qh3]

23...Bb7
[23...Qxa4? 24.Bxd5 *(24.Rxd5 0-0=)* 24...Qf4 25.Bxa8+- *(25.Rf1 Qd4+ 26.Qxd4 cxd4+-)*]

24.Qh3 0-0-0! 25.Rxe6
[25.Qxe6 Qxe6 26.Rxe6 c4]

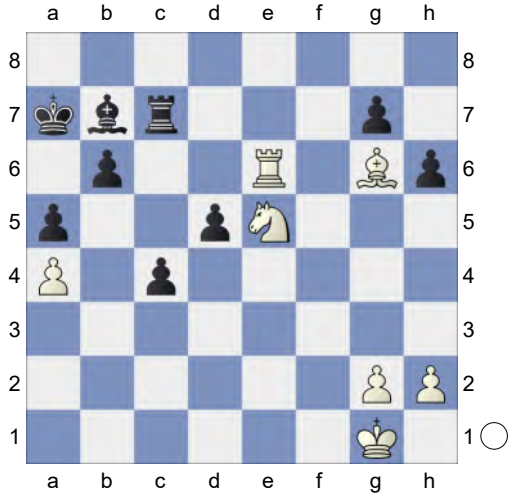
25...Rhe8! 26.Rae1 Rxe6 27.Rxe6 Kb8! 28.Qg3+! Qc7 29.Qh4 a5 30.Nf3 0.21/22
[30.Qxh7 c4 31.Bb1 *(31.Nf3 d4=)* 31...d4=]
[White should try 30.Bb1± 0.75/23]

30...Rd6= 31.Re5 Rd7 1.15/22
[31...h6= 0.08/21]

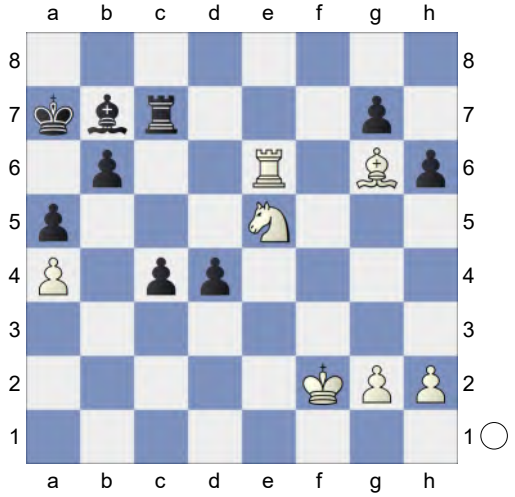
32.Bb1±
[Don't take 32.Qxh7 c4±]

32...Ka7! 33.Re6
[33.Bxh7 g5 34.Qxg5 Rxh7-+]

[33.Qxh7 d4 34.Re1 c4∓]
33...h6 1.82/22
[33...g5!± 0.45/21 34.Qxg5 *(34.Nxg5 d4±)* 34...d4]
34.Bg6+- Rd6 2.17/26
[34...Qd8± 0.99/21]
35.Qg3↑ White has strong initiative.
35...Rc6 36.Qxc7 Rxc7 37.Ne5 Wards off Rc6 **37...c4**



38.Kf2! d4



39.g3! d3 2.56/24
[39...h5± 1.47/21 keeps fighting. 40.Ke2 *(40.Bxh5 c3=)* 40...c3]
40.Ke3 c3 And now ...c2 would win.
41.Nxd3 and Nc1 would now be decisive
[41.Bxd3 c2 42.Bxc2 Rxc2∓]
41...Bc6 3.33/24
[⌓41...Bd5 2.28/24 42.Re5 Bb3]
42.Be8 Bxe8 43.Rxe8 KRN-KR
43...Rc4 4.35/24
[⌓43...Kb7 3.04/22 44.Re4 b5 45.axb5 Kb6]
44.Re4 Rxe4+ 10.05/28
[44...Rc6 3.91/20 45.Ne5 Rc5]
45.Kxe4 White is clearly winning. **45...c2 46.Kd4 Kb7 47.Kc3 Kc6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) / Black=0.49 **48.Kxc2**
1-0

70 **C51**
□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3038**
■ **AKS-Mantissa** **2740**
Blitz 09.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec C51: Evans Gambit: Declined and Accepted without 5...Ba5
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Be7 6.d4 Na5 7.Bd3 d6! 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Nf6 The position is equal. **10.0-0 0-0 11.Qc2 c5 12.Nd2 Qc7 13.f4**
[13.Nec4 Nxc4 14.Bxc4 Bd6 15.h3 Re8 16.Bb2 Bh2+ 17.Kh1 Bf4 18.Rae1 Bxh3 19.gxh3 Qd7 20.Qd3 Qxd3 21.Bxd3 Bxd2 22.Re2 Bf4 23.Rfe1 Be5 24.c4 Rad8 25.Bxe5 Rxe5 26.f4 Rh5 27.Re3 Ng4 0-1 Thinius,M (2707)-10. ♗a3 b6 11. ba5 ♘h5_1525 (2771) Saint Petersburg 92/85 2004 (12.7)]
13...Be6
[13...b6 14.c4 Nc6 15.Nxc6 Qxc6 16.e5 Bb7 17.Rf3 Rfd8 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Bxh7+ Kf8 20.Be4 Rxd2 21.Qxd2 Qxe4 22.Bb2 Bxb2 23.Qxb2 Qxc4 24.Rh3 Kg8 25.Rg3 g6 26.Rh3 Qd4+ 27.Qxd4 cxd4

28.Rd1 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Dragomirescu,R (2347) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Late blitz 2024 (9)]

14.Ndf3 c4 15.Be2 Rae8N

[15...Ng4 16.Nxg4 Bxg4 17.Be3 Bc5 18.Nd4 Bxe2 19.Qxe2 Webb,M (2225)-Eames,R (2201) 130/(108) England 2016]

16.Be3 a6 17.Ng5 Bc5⇄ Black is not keeping still **18.Bd4 h6** 0.44/23

[18...b5= -0.19/20]

19.Nxe6± Rxe6 20.Kh1 Bxd4 0.62/22

[20...b5= 0.26/21]

21.cxd4 b5 22.Bf3 Nb7 0.74/22

[22...Rd8= 0.28/21 23.d5 Red6]

23.g4± g5 0.90/22

[23...Rd8= 0.24/24 24.Rad1 Rde8]

24.Rad1 0.45/19

[24.h4!± 0.90/22]

24...Nd6 0.98/22

[24...Rd8!⩲ 0.45/19]

25.d5 Re7 26.Nc6 Rxe4 27.fxg5 hxg5 28.Qc1

[28.Bxe4?! Ndxe4 29.Nd4 c3=]

28...Nh7 29.Bxe4 Nxe4 30.Rd4 0.70/22 **Re8⩲ 31.Qe3 Nd6**

[31...Nhf6 32.Rxf6 Nxf6 33.Qxg5+ Kf8 34.Qxf6±]

32.Qd2 White is much more active.

32...Ne4 2.12/23

[32...Qd7⩲ 0.70/20]

33.Qg2!+- Nd6 34.Rdd1! Qd7 1.99/21

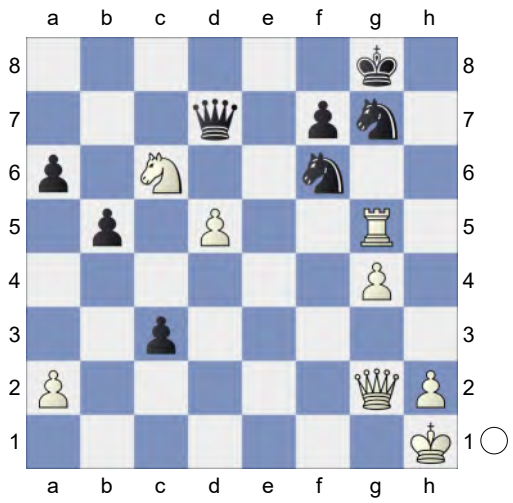
[34...Qb6± 1.03/20 keeps fighting.]

35.Rde1 Nf6? 3.87/23

[35...b4 1.87/20 36.Rxe8+ *(36.Nxb4 Nf8±)* 36...Qxe8 37.Nxb4 Nf8]

36.Rxe8+ Overworked Piece **36...Ndxe8 37.Rf5 c3 38.Rxg5+ Ng7**

(Diagram)



39.Re5! Ne6? 5.29/21

[39...Nxg4 3.00/21 40.Ne7+ Kf8]

40.h3

[40.dxe6 Qd1+ 41.Qg1 Qf3+ 42.Qg2 Qd1+ 43.Qg1 Qf3+ 44.Qg2 Qd1+=]

[40.Rf5 Nxd5 41.Ne5 *(41.Qxd5? Qxd5+ 42.Rxd5 c2-+)* 41...Qc8 42.Qxd5 c2∓]

40...Nf4? 5.60/23

[40...Nc7 3.43/21 41.Ne7+ Kf8]

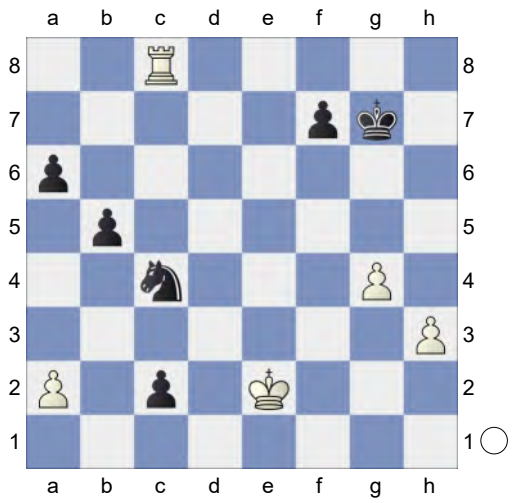
41.Ne7+ Qxe7 42.Rxe7 Nxg2 43.Kxg2 Nxd5 Endgame KR-KN

44.Re8+ Kg7 45.Rc8 Ne3+ 46.Kf3 Nc4 ...c2 is the strong threat. **47.Ke2** and Rxc4! would now be decisive

[Don't go for 47.Rc5? c2 48.a4 c1Q-+ *(48...c1R? 49.Rg5+ Kf6 50.Rf5+ Ke7 51.axb5-+)*]

47...c2

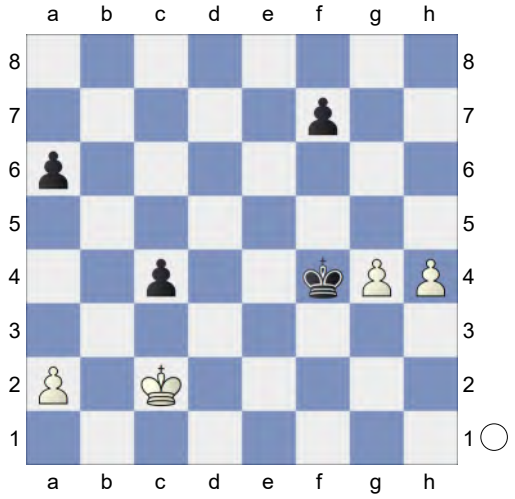
(Diagram)



48.Rxc4! Remove Defender **48...bxc4** KP-KP. Black is a pawn up. **49.Kd2 Kf6 50.h4!**

[50.Kxc2 Kg5 51.Kc3 Kh4 52.Kxc4 Kxh3-+]

50...Ke5 51.Kxc2 K3P-K3P **51...Kf4**



52.h5! Kg5 53.Kc3 f5 54.gxf5

[54.Kxc4 fxg4 55.Kd3 Kxh5-+]

54...Kxh5 55.Kxc4 KPP-KP. White is a pawn up. **55...Kh4 56.f6 Kg5 57.f7 Kf4 58.f8B** 12.54/24 KB-KP

[⌓58.a4 #10/22 Kf5 59.f8Q+ *(59.f8R+ Ke5 60.Ra8 Kf6 61.Rxa6+ Kg5 62.a5 Kg4 63.Rb6 Kh4)* 59...Ke5 60.Qf3 *(60.Qb8+ Kf5 61.Qg3 Ke6 62.Qf4 Kd7 63.Kd5 Ke7 64.a5 Kd8 65.Kd6 Kc8 66.Kc6 Kd8 67.Qf8#)* 60...Ke6 61.Qf4 *(61.Qh3+ Ke5 62.Qe3+ Kf6 63.Kd5 Kf5 64.Qe5+ Kg4 65.Ke4 a5 66.Qg7+ Kh4 67.Kf4 Kh5 68.Qh7#)* 61...Kd7 62.Qf6 Kc7 63.Kc5 *(63.Qxa6 Kd7 64.Kd5 Ke7 65.Qg6 Kd7 66.Qf7+ Kd8 67.Kd6 Kc8 68.Qc7#)* 63...Kb8 64.Kc6 *(64.Qxa6 Kc7 65.Qa7+ Kc8 66.Kd6 Kd8 67.Qd7#)* 64...Ka8 65.Kb6 Kb8 66.Qh8#]

58...Ke3 59.a3 Intending Kb4 and mate. **59...Kf4 60.a4** 16.84/28

[⌓60.Kb4 #18/24 Ke4 61.Ka5 Kd5 62.Kxa6 Kc6 63.a4 Kc7 64.Ka7 Kd7 65.Kb7]

60...Kf5 61.a5 Kg4 62.Kc5 Kf5 63.Kb6 Ke6 64.Kxa6 Kd7 65.Ka7 Kc6 66.a6 Kc7 67.Ka8 Kb6 68.a7 Kc7 69.Ba3 Kc8 70.Bd6 Kd7 71.Kb8 Kxd6 72.a8Q

[Weaker is 72.a8B Ke7=]

72...Ke5 73.Qf3 Kd4 74.Kc7 Kc4 75.Qe3 10.59/5

[⌓75.Kd6 #6/14 Kd4 76.Qe2 Kc3 77.Kc5 Kb3 78.Qd2 Ka3 79.Kc4 Ka4 80.Qb4#]

75...Kd5 76.Qf4 White mates. **76...Kc5 77.Qe4 Kb5 78.Qd4 Ka5 79.Kc6 Ka6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.95 **80.Qb6#**

1-0

71 **C52**

□ **Boller1910** **3037**

■ **MateAI** **3044**

Blitz 21.08.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4**

0.21/20

[⚆6...d6 -0.19/21]

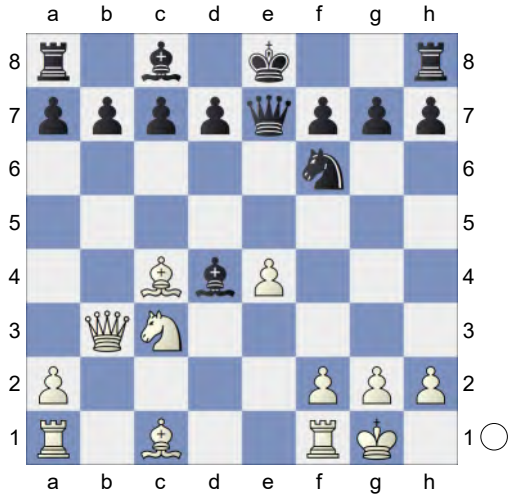
7.Qb3= Qe7 8.0-0 Bb6

[8...Qxe4? 9.Bxf7+ *(9.Re1 Qxe1+ 10.Nxe1 d5+-)* 9...Kd8 10.Ng5+- *(10.Bxg8 h6+-; 10.Re1 Qxe1+ 11.Nxe1 Nge7+-)*]

9.cxd4 White has an edge. **9...Nxd4**

[9...Qxe4? 10.Re1+- *(10.Bxf7+ Kf8+-)*]

10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Nc3 Nf6



12.Ba3 d6 13.Rad1! Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Qe5

[14...Nxe4? 15.Qxg7 Rf8 16.Rfe1+- *(16.Qxh7 Ng5+-)*]

15.Qc1 White has compensation.

[15.Qxe5+ dxe5 16.f4 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.fxe5 Nd7 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Bd6 Kd8 21.Ba3 Ke8 22.Bd6 Kd8 23.Ba3 Ke8 24.Bd6 ½-½ Dimitrijevic,N (2486)-Hedman,J (2497) (open) 89/249 2003 (4.2)]

15...0-0

[15...Nxe4? 16.Bd5+-]

16.Rfe1 The position is equal. **16...Ng4N**

[16...Nxe4? 17.f3+-]

[16...Re8 17.Bb2 Qh5 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Rd3 Mainlines In The Evans]

17.f4 Qa5 18.Bb2 Be6 Prevents Rd5.

19.Be2 Nf6!

[19...Qxa2? 20.f5 Nf6 21.Bxf6 *(21.fxe6 Qxe6 22.Bc4 Qe7+-)* 21...gxf6 22.fxe6 Qxe6 23.h3+- *(23.Qxc7 a5+-)*]

20.f5 Bd7! 21.Bc4 Hoping for Bxf6.

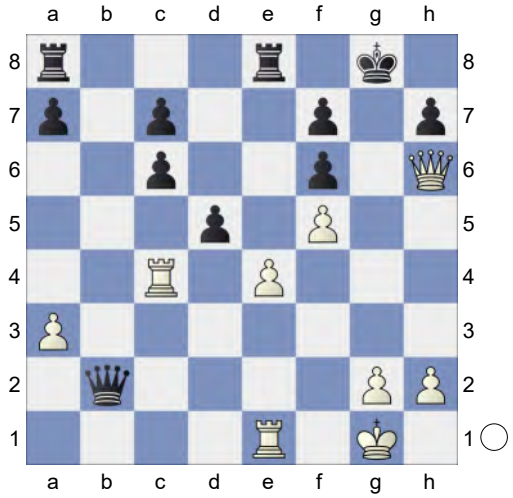
21...Rfe8! 22.Bc3⇄ White has counterplay **22...Qb6+ 23.Bd4** A strong pair of Bishops. **23...Qb4 24.a3 Qa4 25.Bxf6 gxf6 26.Bd5 Bc6 27.Qh6 Qc2** Dodges Rd3

[27...Qxa3? 28.Re3 *(28.Qxf6 Qc5+ 29.Kh1 Bxd5=)* 28...Qc5 29.Bxc6 *(29.Kh1 Qxe3 30.Qxe3 Bxd5+-)* 29...bxc6 30.Kh1+-]

[27...Bxd5? 28.Rd3 Rxe4 29.Rxe4+-]

28.Bxc6 bxc6 29.Rc1! Qb2 and ...Rab8 should not be overlooked

30.Rc4= d5



31.Re3! Qa1+

[31...dxc4 32.Rg3+ Kh8 33.Qg7#]

[31...Qb1+ 32.Kf2]

32.Kf2 Qb2+

[32...dxc4 33.Rg3+ Kh8 34.Qg7#]

33.Kf1 Qb1+

[33...dxc4 34.Rg3+ Kh8 35.Qg7#]

34.Ke2 Qa2+

[34...dxc4 35.Rg3+ Kh8 36.Qxf6#]

[34...Rxe4? too greedy. 35.Rcxe4 Qb2+ 36.Ke1 Qc1+ *(36...dxe4*

37.Rg3+ Kh8 38.Qg7#; 36...Qa1+? 37.Kf2+-) 37.Kf2 Qd2+ *(37...dxe4 38.Rg3+* Discovered Attack*)* 38.Kg3 dxe4 39.Kh4+-]

35.Kd1 Some like it hot **35...Qa1+**

[35...Qxc4 36.Rg3+ Kh8 37.Qxf6#]

36.Kc2 Qa2+! 37.Kd1 Qa1+ 38.Kc2 Rg3+ would kill now. **38...Qa2+!**

[Stronger than 38...dxc4 39.Rg3+ Kh8 40.Qg7#]

An interesting draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless) **39.Kd1 Qxc4 40.Rg3+ Kh8 41.Qxf6#**

½-½

72 **C52**

□ **RemstalBot** **3036**

■ **yobot_v2** **3007**

Blitz 05.08.2024

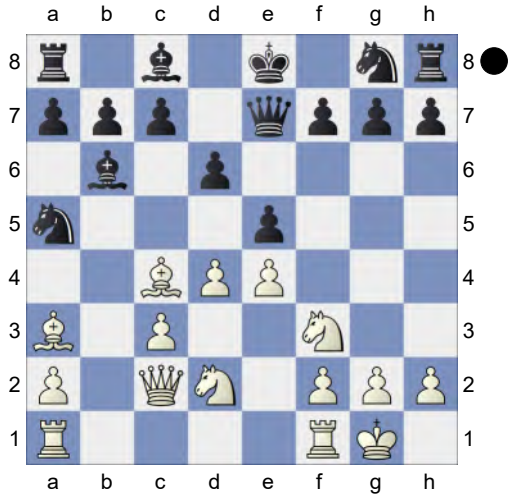
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Qe7**

[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]

[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]

11.Ba3



f6 12.Bb5+N

[12.Rab1 Bd7 13.Bb4 Rb8 14.a4 Nh6 15.Bd5 c6 16.Ba2 Nf7 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.Nf1 Bc7 19.Ne3 Be6 20.d5 Bd7 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Qd3 Nb7 23.Ba3 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Nc4 Rfd8 26.Qe3 Qxc4 0-1 Zapolskis,A (2257)-Johnson,D (2211) London Mindsports IM 2022 (2)]

12...Bd7 13.Rfb1 a6 14.Bxd7+ Qxd7 15.d5 Bc5 16.Bxc5

[16.Bb4!? b6□ 17.Bxa5 bxa5 18.Rb7=]

16...dxc5 17.Nb3! Nxb3 18.Qxb3 b6 19.a4 White has compensation. **19...Ne7 20.a5 Nc8 21.c4 0-0 22.Qc2 Qd8! 23.Qb2 Qd7 24.Qc1 Qd8 25.Qb2 Rb8 26.Qc2 Ra8 27.h3 Nd6 28.Nh4 Re8** 0.37/20

[28...g6= -0.07/22]

29.Ra3± Kh8 30.Kh2 Kg8 31.Kg1 Kh8! 32.Kh2 -0.01/21

[32.Nf5± 0.38/22 might be stronger.]

32...Kg8= 33.Rb2 g6 34.Nf3 Qb8 35.Rba2 Qb7 36.Nd2 Kg7 37.Qd3 Reb8 38.Qe3 Qc8 39.Ra1 Ra7

40.Kg1 Rba8 41.Qe2! Rb8 42.Kh2 Raa8 43.Qe3 Ra7 The position is equal. **44.Qb3 Nf7 45.Qc3 b5** Threatens to win with ...b4. **46.cxb5 Rxb5 47.Rd1 Nd6 48.Qe3 c6! 49.Rd3 cxd5**

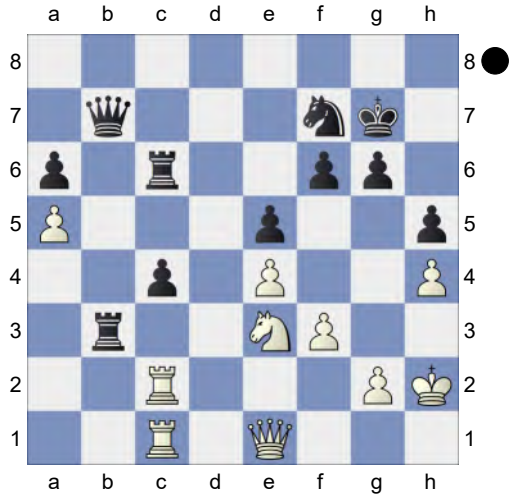
[49...Rxa5? 50.Nb3 Nc4 51.Qc1 cxd5 52.Nxa5 *(52.Rxd5 Rb5+-)* 52...Nxa5 53.Rxd5+- *(53.exd5 c4±)*]

50.Rxd5 Qc6 51.Qd3 Nf7 52.Nc4 Rb4 53.f3 Qb5 54.Rc1 h5 55.Qc2 Rc7 56.h4 Qe8 57.Qc3 Qe7 58.Ne3 c4 59.Qe1

[59.Rdd1!? Rb3□ 60.Qe1=]

59...Rc6 60.Rdd1 and Nd5 should not be overlooked **60...Qb7 61.Rd2 Ra4 62.Rb1 Rb4! 63.Rc1 Rb3 64.Rdc2**

[64.Rxc4? Rxe3 65.Qxe3 Rxc4-+]



64...c3! 65.Nd5 Prevents Qc7.

[65.Rxc3 Rcxc3]

65...Qb5 66.Qg3! Qb7 67.Qe1 Qb5 68.Qg3!

[But not 68.Rxc3 Rbxc3 69.Rxc3 Qxa5∓]

68...Qb7 Against Ne7

[68...Qxa5? loses. 69.Ne7

A) 69...Qc7 70.Qxg6+ *(70.Nxc6 Qxc6 71.Qe1 g5+-)* 70...Kf8 71.Nf5+- *(71.Nxc6 Qxc6 72.Qxh5 Qc5+-)*;

B) 69...Rbb6 70.Qxg6+ *(70.Nxc6 Rxc6 71.Qe1 g5+-)* 70...Kf8 71.Nf5+- *(71.Nxc6 Rxc6 72.Qxh5 Qc7+-)*]

A balanced but interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless) **69.Qe1 ½-½**

73 **C54**

□ **Endogenetic-Bot** **3036**

■ **cinder-bot** **2993**

Rapid 28.02.2025

[Kitty Kat]

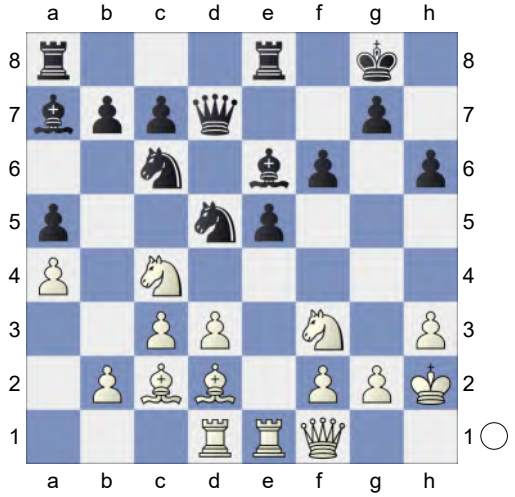
Blitz 10min+3sec C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 0-0 7.h3 a5 8.Nbd2 Ba7 9.Bb3N

[9.Re1 Ne7 10.Nf1 c6 *(10...Ng6 11.Ng3 c6 12.d4 h6 13.Bd3 Re8 14.Bc2 Qc7 15.Be3 c5 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Nf5 Be6 18.Qc1 c4 19.Bxh6 Nh5 20.Bxg7 Nxg7 21.Qh6 Bxf5 22.exf5 Nf8 23.f6 Nge6 24.Rxe5 Rad8 25.Rh5* 1-0 Krause,B (2478)-Walter,A (2241) GER-ch blitz 2022 (12) *)* 11.Ng3 b5 12.Bb3 a4 13.Bc2 Ng6 14.d4 h6 15.Be3 Be6 16.Qd2 Re8 17.a3 Qe7 18.Rad1 Qf8 19.Qc1 Rad8 20.Qb1 Bb8 21.Qc1 d5 22.dxe5 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 dxe4 0-1 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Caruana,F (2766) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Feb Late blitz 2023 (10) 24.Nxe4 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Rd8 26.Bc5 Rxd1+ 27.Qxd1 Qe8 28.Nd6 Qd7 29.Qd4 Bd5 30.Nh2 f6 31.f4 fxe5 32.fxe5 Qe6 33.Ng4 h5 34.Ne3 Nxe5 35.Ndf5 Kh7 36.Nxd5 Qxf5 37.Ne3

Qg6 38.Qd1 Nd3 0-1 Yugoslav Qa5 (2572)-Deslandes,P (2766) (m/1) 78/295 2000 (10)]

9...Be6 The position is equal. **10.a4 h6 11.Re1 Re8 12.Nc4 Qd7 13.Qe2 Nh5 14.Kh2 Nf6 15.Bc2 Nh7 16.Ne3 Nf8 17.Bd2 Ng6 18.Rad1 Nf4 19.Qf1 d5 20.exd5 Nxd5 21.Nc4 f6**



22.d4! exd4 23.Qd3 Prevents Bf5

[23.cxd4 simplifies Bf5 24.Bb3 Kh8 25.Nxa5 Nxd4 26.Nxd4 Bxd4 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Bxh6 c5 29.Bd2]

23...Kf8! 24.Nh4

[24.cxd4 Ndb4 25.Qc3 *(25.Bxb4+ Nxb4 26.Qc3 Nxc2∓)* 25...Nxc2 *(25...Bxd4 26.Nxd4 Nxd4 27.Bg6±; 25...Nxd4 26.Bg6±)* 26.Qxc2 Bd5∓ *(26...Bxd4 27.Be3±; 26...Nxd4 27.Nxd4 Bxd4 28.Bf4∓)*]

[24.Nxd4 Bxd4 25.cxd4 Ndb4 26.Bxb4+ Nxb4∓]

24...dxc3 25.Bxc3 Nxc3 26.Qxc3 Nd4 27.Bg6 Red8 28.Nxa5 Rab8 29.Re4! White is much more active. **29...Qxa4** 1.29/19

[⊿29...Qd5 0.71/18]

30.Rde1± Qd7 1.75/21

[30...Bb6± 0.82/19 31.b4 Qa2]

31.f4!+- White has strong compensation.

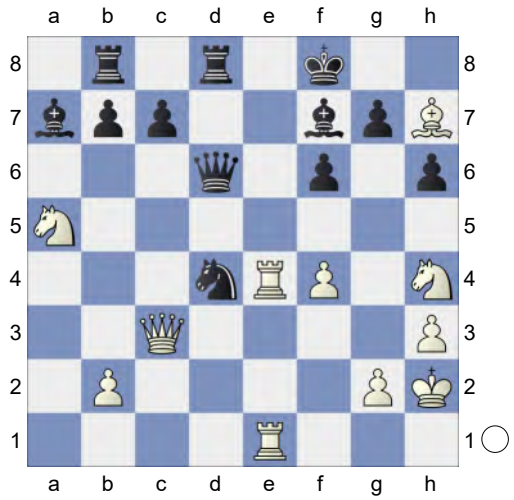
31...Qd6 1.95/24

[31...b5± 1.43/20]

32.Bh7 1.06/21

[32.Nc4+- 1.95/24 Qc5 33.Na5 *(33.Rxe6 Nxe6 34.Rxe6 Qg1+ 35.Kg3 Bf2+ 36.Kg4 Kg8±)*]

32...Bf7±

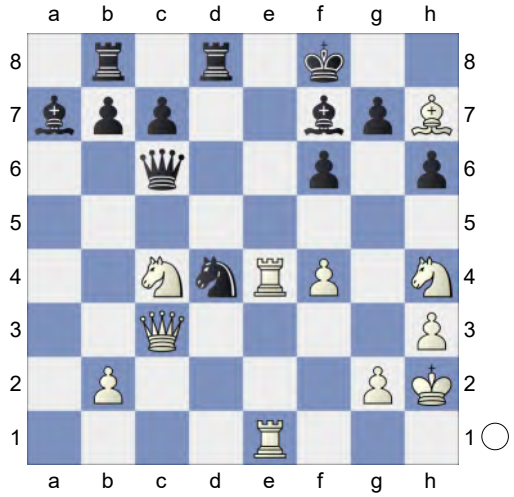


33.Nc4!

[33.Ng6+ Bxg6 34.Nxb7 Nb5-+ *(34...Rxb7 35.Bxg6 Rbb8 36.Qc4∓; 34...Bxh7? 35.Nxd6 cxd6 36.Rxd4+-)*]

33...Qc6 2.46/21

[33...Qc5± 1.34/21]

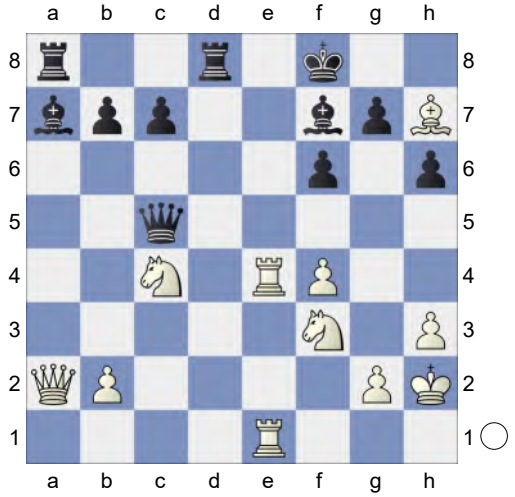


34.Qa3+!+-

[34.Ng6+ Bxg6 35.Bxg6 f5=]

This costs Black the game. **34...Qc5?**

4.76/23
[34...Bc5± 1.48/20 35.Qg3 g5 *(35...Bxc4 36.Ng6+ Kf7 37.Re7+* Skewer *Bxe7 38.Rxe7#)* 36.Ng6+ *(36.fxg5 hxg5 37.Ng6+ Bxg6∓)* 36...Kg7 37.fxg5 hxg5 *(37...Kxh7 38.Ne7∓; 37...Bxg6? 38.gxf6+ Qxf6 39.Bxg6+-; 37...Bxc4 38.gxh6+ Kxh7 39.Re7+ Bxe7 40.Rxe7+ Kxh6 41.Qh4+ Kxg6 42.Qh7+ Kg5 43.Qg7+ Kh5 44.g4+ Kh4 45.Qh6#)*]
35.Qa2 Nf3+ 5.59/23
[35...Qxc4 36.Qxc4 Ne6 37.Rxe6 g6 38.Re7 *(38.Rxf6 Rd7 39.Bxg6 Bg1+ 40.Kxg1 Kg8 41.Rxf7 Rd5 42.Qxd5 c6 43.Bh7+ Kh8 44.Qe5#; 38.Nxg6+ Kg7 39.Re7 Bg1+ 40.Kxg1 Rf8 41.Rxf7+ Rxf7)*]
[35...g5 3.60/19 was necessary.]
36.Nxf3 Ra8



37.b4! Qd5 And now ...Bg1+! would win.
[37...Qc6 38.Qe2]
38.Qe2 c6 39.Nh4 g5 40.Nf5 aiming for Qb2. **40...Re8 41.Nfd6**
[Weaker is 41.Nxh6 Rxe4 42.Bxe4 *(42.Qxe4 Qxe4 43.Rxe4 Bd5±)* 42...Qxc4±]
41...Rxe4 42.Bxe4 Qe6 43.Qf1 Bb8

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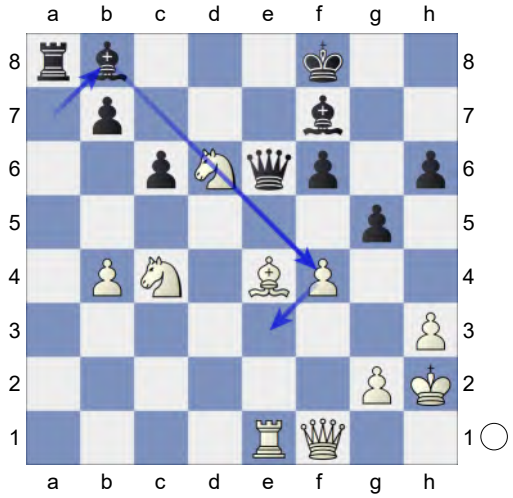


44.Bg6! Discovered Attack **44...Qxc4**
[44...Bxd6 45.Rxe6]
45.Nxc4 Bxg6 46.Nb6 Bxf4+ 47.g3 Ra2+ 48.Kg1 f5 49.Nd7+ Kg7 50.Re7+ Bf7 51.Qc4 Be3+ 52.Kh1 Ra1+ 53.Kg2 Rg1+ 54.Kh2 White mates. **54...Rg2+ 55.Kxg2 Kh8 56.Qxf7 Bf2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.49
57.Qg7#
1-0

74	**C54**
☐ **Nikitosik-ai**	**3035**
■ **GarboBot**	**2344**
Blitz	25.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]	

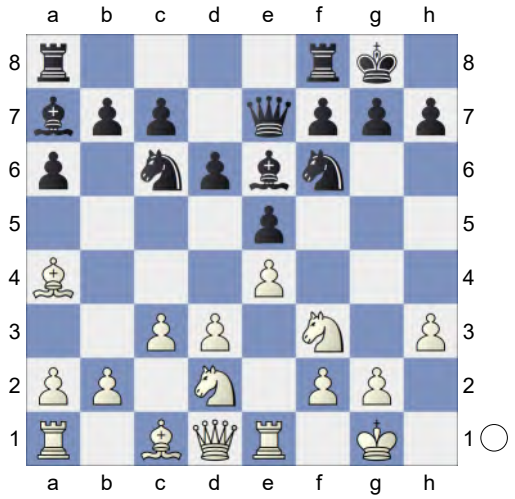
Blitz 3min C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3N**
[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 h5 9.Nxg5 h4 10.Nxf7 hxg3 11.Nxd8 Bg4 12.Qd2 Nd4 13.Nc3 Nf3+ 14.gxf3 Bxf3 The Giuoco Pianissimo-Game 1 - Victor Knorre vs. Mi]
[6.a4 a6 7.c3 Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Re8 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6

12.b4 d5 13.Qc2 d4 14.Bb2 Nh5 15.b5 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Nb3 Qd8 20.g3 Rh6 0-1 Lunacek,J (2702)-Ferri, S (2732) Chicago op 19th 2010 (11)]

[6.h3 a6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Nh5 10.Bh2 *(10.Kh2 Nxg3 11.fxg3 0-0 12.c3 Na5 13.Nbd2 Nxc4 14.Nxc4 Be6 15.Ne1 b5 16.Nd2 f5 17.Qh5 Kg7 18.Nc2 Qe8 19.Qe2 Qg6 20.d4 exd4 21.cxd4 Bb6 22.d5 Bd7 23.e5 dxe5 24.Qxe5+ Qf6* 0-1 Castro,T (2000)-Rumph,T (2183) US Amateur Team West 2010 (5.3)*)* 10...Nf4 11.c3 g4 12.hxg4 Bxg4 13.Nbd2 Qf6 14.Qb3 Rg8 15.Bg3 b5 16.Bxb5 axb5 17.Qxb5 Bd7 18.a4 Rxg3 19.d4 Rxg2+ 20.Kh1 Qg6 0-1 Krisha,T (1023)-Al Qudaimi,B (2401) Sharjah Rapid 2023 (1)]

6...0-0 7.h3 Bb6 8.Nbd2 Qe7 9.Bb5 a6 10.Ba4 White is slightly better.

10...Be6 11.Re1 Ba7



12.Nf1! b5 0.97/21

[12...h6± 0.59/20 might be stronger.]

13.Bc2± Bc5? 2.70/21

[13...d5± 0.79/18]

14.d4+- exd4 15.cxd4 Bb4 16.N1d2 Bc8 3.57/21

[16...d5 2.07/21 was called for.]

17.a3 Ba5 18.e5 Nd5 19.Be4 Be6 20.Qc2 Qd7 21.Bxh7+ Kh8 22.Re4 Rh4 is the strong threat. **22...dxe5** 8.51/19

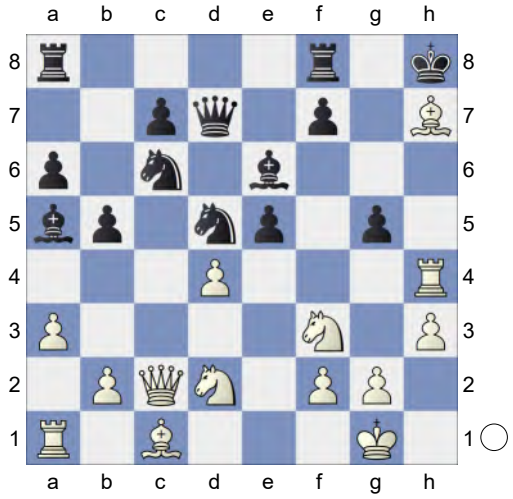
[22...Bxd2 23.Bxd2 *(23.Rh4 Bh6+-)* 23...dxe5 *(23...Kxh7 24.Rh4+* Discovered Attack (Double Check) *Kg8 25.Qh7#)* 24.dxe5 *(24.Nxe5 Nxe5 25.Rxe5 g6+-)*]

[⊼22...f6 4.77/19 23.exf6 Rxf6]

23.Rh4 Threatening mate with Bg8+!.

[Less strong is 23.Nxe5 Nxe5 24.dxe5 *(24.Rxe5 f6=)* 24...f5= *(24...Kxh7 25.Rh4+* Discovered Attack (Double Check) *Kg8 26.Qh7#; 24...Bxd2? 25.Bxd2 Qe7 26.g3+-)*]

23...g5



24.Bg8+! Decoy, Clearance **24...Kg7 25.Qh7+**

[25.Nxg5? perishes. Bf5 26.Qd1 Rxg8∓]

25...Kf6 26.Ne4+ Deflection **26...Ke7 27.Bxg5+ Ke8 28.Nc5 Bf5 29.Qg7 Qd6**

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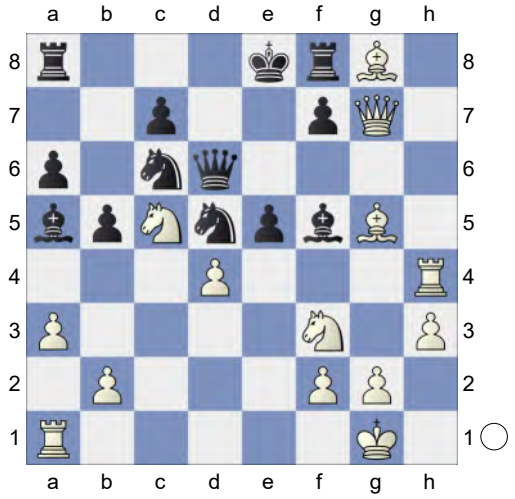

30.Bxf7+! Deflection **30...Rxf7 31.Rh8+** Skewer **31...Qf8 32.Rxf8+ Rxf8 33.Bh6 Rf6 34.dxe5 Nxe5 35.Nxe5** White mates. **35...Bb6 36.Rd1 Bxc5 37.Rxd5 Be6 38.Qxf6 Bxd5 39.Bg5 Bxf2+ 40.Kxf2 Bf7** Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=1.35 **41.Qxf7#**
1-0

75 **C52**
□ **Fruity23** **3035**
■ **Nikitosik-ai** **2999**
Blitz 20.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 Nouveau coup d'œil sur le Gambit Evans **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4**

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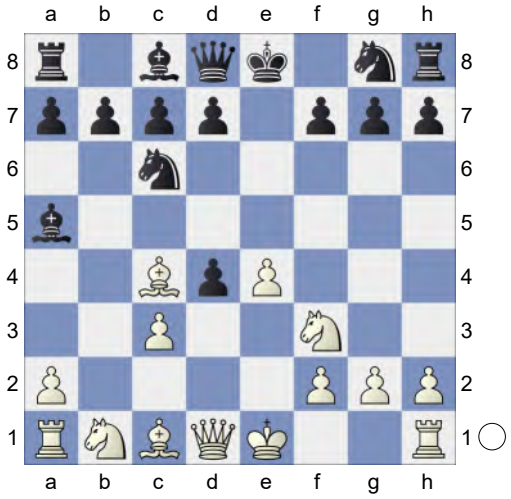


7.Qb3 Qe7 8.0-0 Bb6
[8...Qxe4 9.Bxf7+ *(9.Re1 Qxe1+ 10.Nxe1 Nge7+-)* 9...Kd8 10.Ng5+- *(10.Bxg8 h6+-; 10.Re1 Qxe1+ 11.Nxe1 Nge7+-)*]
9.cxd4 White has an edge. **9...Nxd4**
[9...Qxe4? 10.Re1+- *(10.Bxf7+ Kf8+-)*]
10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.Ba3 d6 13.Rad1! Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Qe5
[14...Nxe4?! 15.Qb2± *(15.Qxg7 Qf8±)*]
15.Qc1
[15.Qxe5+ dxe5 16.f4 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.fxe5 Nd7 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Bd6 Kd8 21.Ba3 Ke8 22.Bd6 Kd8 23.Ba3 Ke8 24.Bd6 ½-½ Dimitrijevic,N (2486)-Hedman,J (2497) (open) 89/249 2003 (4.2)]
15...Bd7N
[15...Nxe4? 16.Bd5+-]
[15...0-0 16.Bb2 Qe7 17.e5 Ne8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.exd6 Nxd6 20.Qc3 *(20.Bb3 Rfe8 21.Rd3 Nf5 22.Rf3 Nh4 23.Rfe3 Nf5 24.Rf3* ½-½ Jirk,J (2383)-Advance Caro-Kann: Short Vari,6 (2451) 154/(201) Istanbul 2022 *)* 20...Qf6 21.Qc1 Qh4 22.Qc3 Ne8 23.Bd5 Rb8 24.Rd3 Rd8 25.Rg3 Qxg3 26.hxg3 Rxd5 27.Ba3

Nd6 28.Qxc7 Nb5 29.Qe7 Rfd8 30.Bb2 1-0 Yvinec,J (2349)-Pavoni,F (2310) corr W-32ch prel09 2008]

16.Bb2 Qh5 The position is equal.

[16...Qxe4? 17.Rfe1 0-0-0 18.Rxe4 Nxe4 19.Bxg7+- *(19.Bxf7 Rhf8+-)*]

17.e5 Ng4 18.h3 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 dxe5

[19...Qxe5? 20.Rfe1 0-0-0 21.Rxe5 dxe5 22.Bxf7+-]

20.Qa3 Bc6 21.Qc5 Qg5 22.Bd5 Qg6

[22...Bxd5?! 23.Rxd5 f6 24.f4+-]

23.Bxc6+ Qxc6 24.Qxe5+ Kf8 25.Rfe1 h5!

[Inferior is 25...Re8 26.Rd8]

26.Qe7+ Kg8 27.Rd7 Qc4 28.Rxc7 Qxa2 29.Qd7 Rf8 30.Qd6 And now Qxf8+! would win. **30...Kh7**

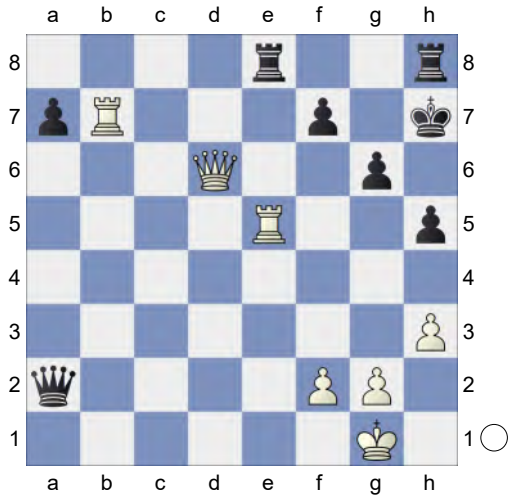
[30...Rh6 31.Qxf8+ Kh7 32.Rxf7+-]

31.Re5

[31.Rxb7 Re8 32.Rxe8 Rxe8]

[31.Qd3+ simplifies g6 32.Qf3 Rhg8 33.Ree7]

31...g6 32.Rxb7 Active counter play! **32...Re8**



Threatens to win with ...Qa1+.

33.Rxh5+! gxh5 34.Qf6! Kg8 35.Rb5 Inhibits Qd5. **35...Rh7**

[Don't play 35...Re1+?! 36.Kh2±]

36.Rg5+ Kf8 37.Qd6+ Re7 38.Qb8+ Re8 39.Qb4+ Re7 40.Qb8+ Re8 41.Qd6+ Re7 42.Qd8+ Re8

A balanced but interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)

43.Qd6+

½-½

76 **C52**

□ **Boller1910** **3034**

■ **Botyuliirma** **3010**

Blitz 18.11.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Qe7**

[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]

[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]

11.Ba3

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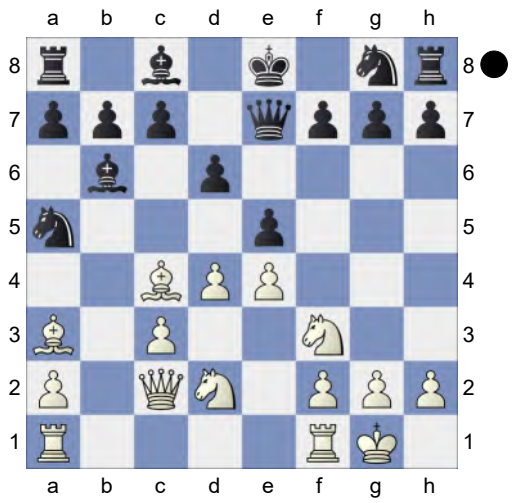


f6 12.Bb5+N

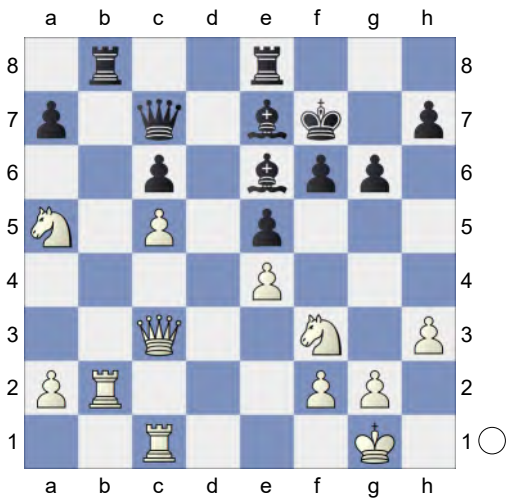
[12.Rab1 Bd7 13.Bb4 Rb8 14.a4 Nh6 15.Bd5 c6 16.Ba2 Nf7 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.Nf1 Bc7 19.Ne3 Be6 20.d5 Bd7 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Qd3 Nb7 23.Ba3 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Nc4 Rfd8 26.Qe3 Qxc4 0-1 Zapolskis,A (2257)-Johnson,D (2211) London Mindsports IM 2022 (2)]

12...c6! 13.Bd3 Nh6 14.c4 Nf7 15.c5 dxc5 16.dxc5 Bd8 17.Bb4 White has compensation. **17...Qc7 18.Rab1 0-0 19.Qc3 Re8 20.h3 g6 21.Rb2 b6 22.Bxa5 bxa5 23.Bc4 Kg7** The position is equal. **24.Bxf7 Kxf7 25.Nc4 Be7** Prevents Nd6+. **26.Rc1**

[26.Qxa5 Qxa5 27.Nxa5 Bxc5±]

26...Be6 27.Nxa5 Excellent horsemanship. **27...Rab8**

(Diagram)



...Rxb2 would now be deadly. **28.Rcb1 Rxb2 29.Rxb2 Bc8** Against Rb7 **30.Nd2 Rd8 31.Ndb3 Be6 32.Nd2 Qd7 33.Qb4 Kg7 34.Ndc4** And now Nd6! would win. **34...Qd1+ 35.Kh2 Qc1! 36.Nd6!**

[36.Nxc6 Rd1 37.Ne3 *(37.N4xe5? fxe5 38.Nxe5 Qf4+ 39.g3 Qxe5-+)* 37...Bxc5 *(37...Rh1+ 38.Kg3-+)* 38.Qb7+ Rd7-+]

36...Qf4+ 37.Kg1⇄ White has counterplay **37...Qc1+ 38.Kh2 Qf4+ 39.Kg1**

[Reject 39.g3 Qf3 40.g4 *(40.Nxc6* gets mated. *Bxh3* Decoy *)* 40...Rd7∓ 41.Nxc6 Bxd6 42.cxd6 h5-+]

39...Qc1+ An interesting draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless) **40.Kh2 ½-½**

77 **C52**

□ **Booktester** **3033**

■ **PetersBot** **2984**

Blitz 07.11.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6**

3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Qe7 0.06/18

[10...Ne7!∓ -0.32/19 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 b6 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]

[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]

11.Ba3= f6 12.Bb5+N

[12.Rab1 Bd7 13.Bb4 Rb8 14.a4 Nh6 15.Bd5 c6 16.Ba2 Nf7 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.Nf1 Bc7 19.Ne3 Be6 20.d5 Bd7 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Qd3 Nb7 23.Ba3 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Nc4 Rfd8 26.Qe3 Qxc4 0-1 Zapolskis,A (2257)-Johnson,D (2211) London Mindsports IM 2022 (2)]

12...c6 13.Bd3 Nh6 14.c4 c5 Repels Bb4 **15.d5 0-0 16.Bb2 Bd8 17.Bc3 b6 18.h3 f5 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.Rae1 Qd7 21.Ne4 b5 22.cxb5 c4 23.Be2 Bg6 24.Nfd2 Rf4! 25.Bf3 Nb7 26.a4** With the idea Qa2!.

[26.Nxc4 Rxf3 27.gxf3 Qxh3∓]

26...Rc8 27.Qa2 Nf5! 28.Bd1

[28.Nxc4? Rxf3 29.Bxe5 *(29.gxf3? Nh4-+)* 29...Rd3∓ *(29...dxe5 30.Nxe5±)*]

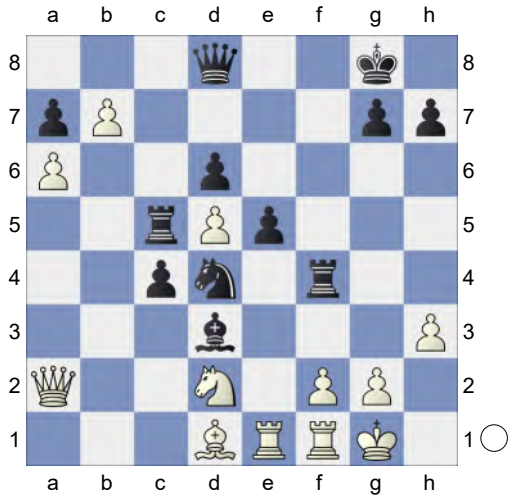
28...Bb6 29.a5! Bd4 30.a6

[30.Nxc4? Bxc3 *(30...Qxb5 31.a6±)* 31.a6 Bxe1 32.axb7 Rxe4-+]

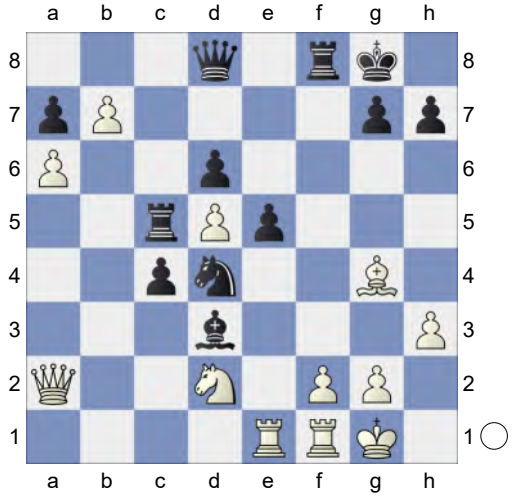
30...Nc5 31.Bxd4! Nxd4 32.Nxc5 Rxc5 33.b6 Qd8 34.b7⇄ White is not keeping still

[34.bxa7 Bd3 35.Bh5 Nb5]

34...Bd3



35.Bg4! Rf8!



36.f4! c3!

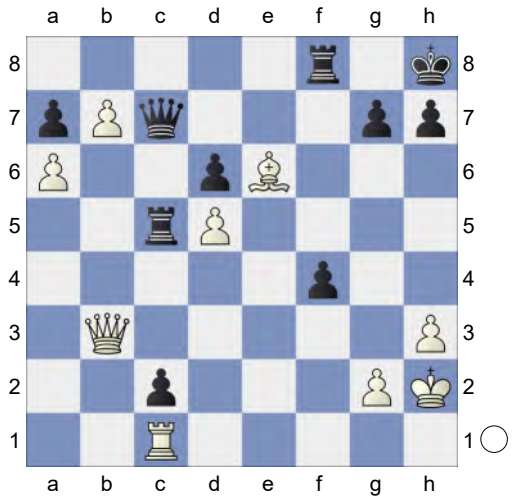
[36...Rxd5 37.fxe5 Rxf1+ *(37...Bxf1? 38.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 39.Kxf1+-)* 38.Nxf1 Rxe5 39.Qb2+-]

37.Nb3 Inhibits Ra5.

[37.Ne4 Ra5 38.Qf2 Bxf1 *(38...Rxa6 39.Re3=; 38...Rxf4? 39.Qh4+-; 38...Bxa6 39.Nxc3 Bxf1 40.Qxf1-+)* 39.Qxf1 c2 *(39...Rxf4*

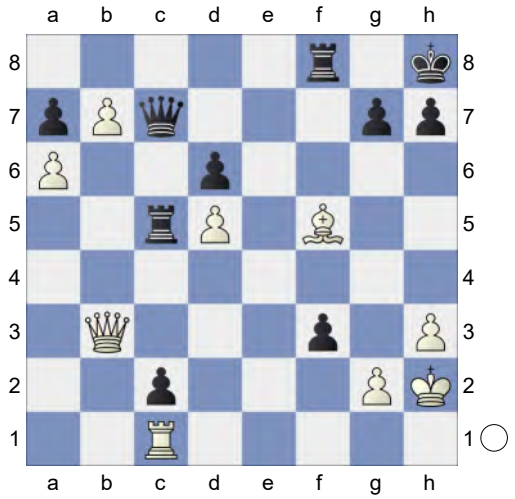
40.Qc4=; 39...exf4 40.Nxc3 Qc7 41.Qd3±) 40.Be6+ Nxe6 41.dxe6 d5∓ *(41...exf4 42.Rc1∓; 41...Rxf4? 42.e7+-)*]

37...Nxb3 38.Qxb3 Bxf1 39.Rxf1 exf4 40.Kh2 c2 41.Rc1 Qc7 42.Be6+ Kh8



43.Bf5! Deflection, Promotion **43...f3**

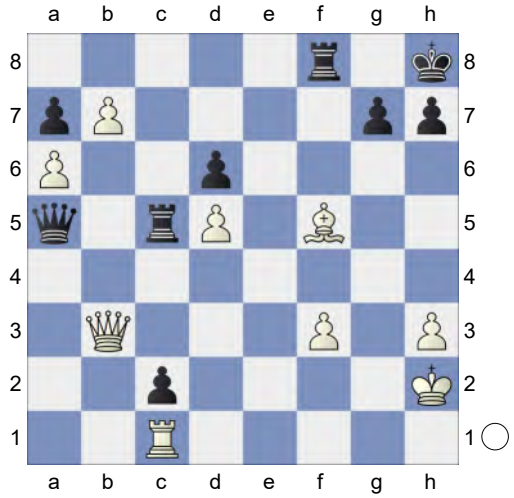
[43...Rxf5? 44.b8R++-]



44.gxf3 Qa5!

[44...Rxf5? 45.b8R++- *(45.b8Q+ Qc8+-)*]

[44...Rc3?! 45.Rxc2 *(45.Qb2 Qc4=)* 45...Rxc2+ *(45...Rxb3? 46.Rxc7 g5 47.Be4+-)* 46.Bxc2± *(46.Qxc2 Qb6±)*]



45.Qe3 Inhibits Qd2+. **45...Rxd5**

[45...Rxf5 46.Qe8+]

[45...Qxa6 46.Qe7 Rg8 *(46...Rxf5 47.Qe8+; 46...Rb8? 47.Re1+-)* 47.Bxh7]

46.Bxc2 Qf4! would now be deadly.

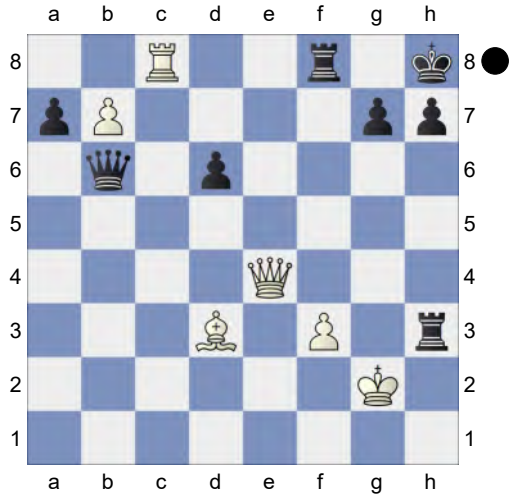
46...Qxa6 47.Qe4 Rh5

[Stronger than 47...Qxb7 48.Qxh7#]

[Don't blunder 47...Rd2+? 48.Kh1 Rxc2 *(48...g6? 49.Qe7+-)* 49.Rxc2+-]

48.Bd3! White threatens Rc8! and mate.

48...Qb6 49.Kg2 Rg5+! 50.Kh1 The board is on fire. **50...Rh5 51.Kg2** Inhibits Qf2+. **51...Rg5+! 52.Kh1 Rh5** aiming for ...Qf2!. **53.Rc8 Rxh3+ 54.Kg2**



Rg3+! 55.Kxg3 Qg1+ The position is equal. **56.Kh3 Qh1+ 57.Kg3 Qg1+ 58.Kh4 Qh2+ 59.Kg4 Qg2+ 60.Kh5 Qh3+ 61.Kg5 Qg3+! 62.Qg4 Qe5+ 63.Qf5**

[63.Bf5!?= Qf6+□ 64.Kf4 Qe5+ 65.Kg5=]

63...Qg3+! 64.Qg4 Qe5+ 65.Qf5

[65.Kh4!? Qh2+□= 66.Qh3 Qf4+ 67.Kh5 Qh6+ 68.Kg4 Qf4+ 69.Kh5=]

65...Qg3+! Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless) **66.Qg4=**

½-½

78 **C52**

□ **ProteusSF-lite** **3032**

■ **admete_bot** **2402**

Rapid 18.11.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 7.Qb3 Qe7 8.0-0 Bb6

[8...Qxe4? 9.Bxf7+ *(9.Re1 Qxe1+ 10.Nxe1 Nge7+-)* 9...Kf8 10.Re1+-]

9.cxd4 White has an edge. **9...Nxd4**

[9...Qxe4? 10.Re1+- *(10.Bxf7+ Kf8+-)*]

10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Nc3! Nf6 Strongly threatening ...0-0!. **12.Rd1N**

[12.Nb5 d5 13.exd5 Bxa1 14.Ba3 Qe5 15.f4 Bd4+ 16.Kh1 Qe3 17.Nxd4 Qxb3 18.Re1+ Kd8 19.Be7+ Kd7 20.Nxb3 c6 21.d6 b6 22.Bxf7 c5 23.Nd2 Kc6 24.Nc4 Bf5 25.Ne5+ Kb7 26.a4 h5 Gaujens,A-Azmaiparshvili,Z X Open Salou ESP 2008 27.Bxf6 gxf6 28.Bd5+ Ka6 29.Bc4+ Kb7 30.Bd5+ Ka6 31.Bc4+ Kb7 ½-½ Pink,J (2701)-Payet,A (2626) San Bernardino op 1989 (8)]

[12.Ba3 d6 13.Rad1 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Qe5 15.Qc1 *(15.Qxe5+ dxe5 16.f4 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.fxe5 Nd7 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Bd6 Kd8 21.Ba3 Ke8 22.Bd6 Kd8 23.Ba3 Ke8 24.Bd6* ½-½ Kovalevskaya,E (2486)-Stefanova,A (2497) EU-Cup (Women) 07th 2002 (4.2)*)* 15...0-0 16.Bb2 Qe7 17.e5 Ne8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.exd6 Nxd6 20.Bb3 Rfe8 21.Rd3 Nf5 22.Rf3 Nh4 23.Rfe3 Nf5 24.Rf3 ½-½ Jirk,J (2383)-Advance Caro-Kann: Short Vari,6 (2451) 154/(201) Istanbul 2022]

12...c5 0.69/27

[12...Be5= 0.13/23]

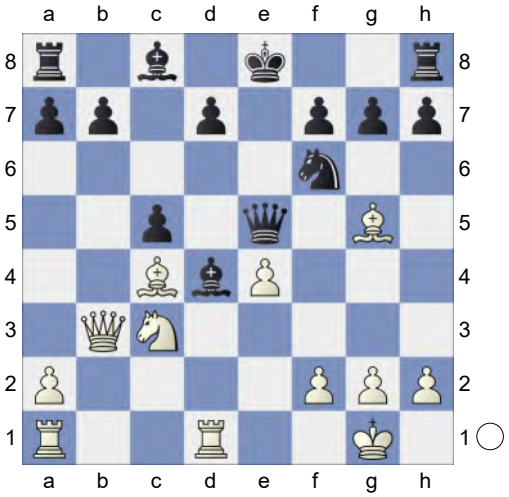
13.Bg5

[13.Rxd4!? cxd4 14.Ba3=]

This move loses the game for Black.

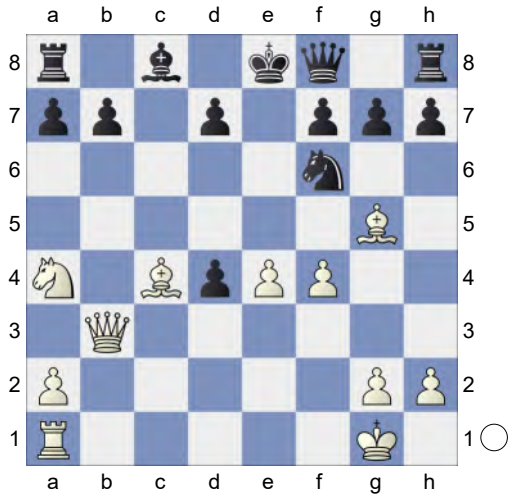
13...Qe5 2.24/25

[Black should play 13...b5± 0.51/26 14.Rxd4 *(14.Bxb5 Qe5=; 14.Nxb5 Bxa1 15.Rxa1 Qe5=)* 14...cxd4 15.Nxb5 0-0]

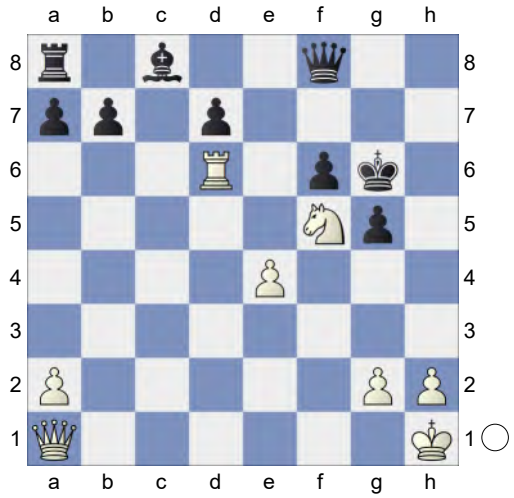


Prevents Nd5. **14.Rxd4!+- cxd4 15.f4 Qc5 16.Na4** White has strong compensation.

[16.Bxf7+ Kf8-+ 17.Na4 Qc6∓]
16...Qf8



17.Rd1! Ng4 2.45/25
[⊼17...Rb8 1.98/23]
18.Be2↑ Black is under strong pressure. This pair of bishops is nice.
[18.Rxd4 h6 19.Bh4 g5 20.fxg5 Ne5=]
18...h6 2.39/24
[⊼18...f6 1.85/24]
19.Bh4
[19.Bxg4? hxg5 20.Qd5 Qe7 *(20...gxf4? 21.Nc3-+)* 21.Qxd4 0-0-+ *(21...gxf4? 22.Qxg7 Qh4 23.h3∓)*]
19...g5 20.fxg5
[20.Bxg4 gxh4 21.h3 *(21.Rxd4 Qg7∓)* 21...Qg7-+]
20...hxg5 4.86/24
[20...Ne5 2.29/23]
21.Bg3 Active counter play!
[21.Bxg5 Qg7 22.Qb5 *(22.Bxg4? loses. Qxg5 23.Bf3 b5-+)* 22...Ne5-+ *(22...Nxh2 23.Qa5±)*]
21...Nf6 22.Rxd4 Nh5 23.Bxh5 Rxh5 24.Nc3 Qc5 25.Nb5 Rh6 26.Bd6 Rxd6 27.Nxd6+ Kd8 28.Qb2
[Not 28.Nxf7+ Kc7 29.Qc4 d6+-]
28...Qb6 29.Qa1 f6 30.Kh1 Ke7 31.Rd1 Threatens to win with e5.
31...Qc5 32.Nf5+ Kf7 33.Rd5 Qf8 34.Rd6 Kg6



35.e5 8.77/22 **Kxf5 36.Rxf6+ Qxf6 37.exf6** Endgame KQ-KRB **37...Kg6 38.Qe5 d5 39.Qe7**
[39.Qxd5 Kxf6 40.h3 Be6 41.Qf3+ *(41.Qxb7 Rd8+-)* 41...Kg6 42.Qxb7 Rg8 43.Qxa7 Kf6]
39...Bf5 40.Qg7+ Kh5 41.h3 g4 42.hxg4+ 10.78/5
[⊼42.h4 #16/25 Bg6 43.f7 *(43.Qxb7 Rd8+-)* 43...g3 44.Qg8 *(44.f8R Rxf8 45.Qxf8 Kxh4+-; 44.Qf6 Kh6+-)* 44...Rxg8 45.fxg8Q Kh6 46.Qh8+ *(46.Qxd5 b6+-)* 46...Bh7 47.Qf6+ Bg6 48.Qg5+ Kh7 49.h5 *(49.Qxg3 b6+-; 49.Qxd5 Kg7+-)* 49...Bxh5 50.Qxh5+ Kg7 51.Qxd5]
42...Bxg4 43.Qxb7 Rh8 44.Qg7 Rc8 45.f7 Bf5 46.f8R Rxf8 47.Qxf8 Kg5 48.Qd8+ Kg4 49.Qxd5 Kg5 50.a4 a6 51.Qd6 a5 52.Qe5 Kg6 53.Qxa5 Kf6 54.Qc3+ Ke6 55.Qd4 Be4 56.Qxe4+ Kd6 57.Qf5 Kc7 58.Qd5 Kb6 59.Qc4 White wants to mate with Qd5. **59...Kb7 60.a5** White mates. **60...Kb8 61.Qc6 Ka7 62.a6 Kb8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=1.12
63.Qb7#
1-0

79 **C52**
□ **Mithril-SF** **3031**
■ **Mr-Chess-Berserk** **3001**
Blitz 10.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Qe7** The position is equal.

[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]

[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]

11.Ba3 f6 12.Bb5+N

[12.Rab1 Bd7 13.Bb4 Rb8 14.a4 Nh6 15.Bd5 c6 16.Ba2 Nf7 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.Nf1 Bc7 19.Ne3 Be6 20.d5 Bd7 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Qd3 Nb7 23.Ba3 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Nc4 Rfd8 26.Qe3 Qxc4 0-1 Zapolskis,A (2257)-Johnson,D (2211) London Mindsports IM 2022 (2)]

12...c6 13.Bd3 Nh6 14.c4 c5 Repels Bb4 **15.d5 g6 16.h3 Bd7**

[16...f5!?]

17.Nh2 g5 0.34/23

[17...Bc7= -0.12/23]

18.Rab1± White has compensation.

18...g4 19.Bc1 0-0-0! 20.g3 0.01/22

[20.h4± 0.44/24 is more appropriate.]

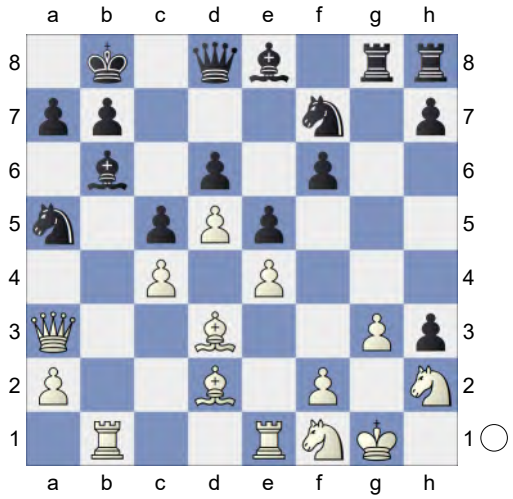
20...Kb8 0.40/22

[20...Rdf8!= 0.01/22]

21.Re1! gxh3 Threatens to win with ... f5!. **22.Ndf1 Nf7** 0.98/20

[22...Qf8!= 0.18/22]

23.Bd2!± Rdg8 24.Qb2! Be8 25.Qa3! Qd8!



26.Rb2! Rg7 1.26/24

[⌓26...Ng5 0.84/24]

27.Reb1 0.73/23

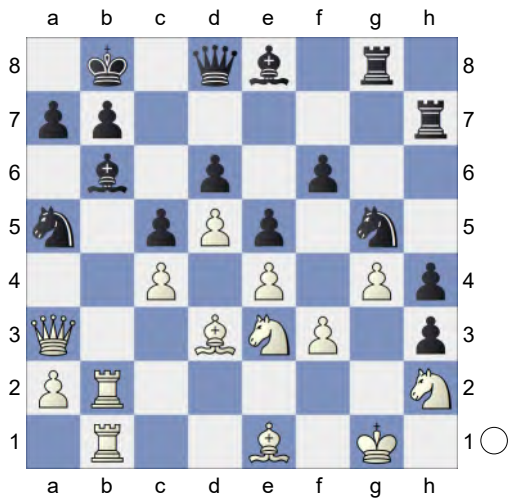
[⌓27.Ne3 1.26/24]

27...Ng5 28.Ne3 h5 29.Be1 Rhg8 1.14/24

[29...h4± 0.67/21]

30.f3 h4 1.29/21 **31.g4 Rh7**

(Diagram)



32.Be2! Bc7 33.Nhf1
[33.Kh1 Ka8±]
33...Ka8 34.Nf5 b6 35.N1e3
[35.Bxh4?! h2+ 36.Kh1 *(36.Kxh2 Nf7=; 36.Nxh2 Nh3+ 37.Kh1 Rgh8∓)* 36...Nh3=]
35...Nb7 36.Kh2
[36.Nxh4?! h2+ 37.Kh1 Rgh8=]
[36.Bxh4?! Rgh8 37.Bg3 h2+ 38.Kh1 Bd7=]
36...Bd7 37.Bxh4 Nf7 38.Be1
[38.Kxh3 Nh8=]
38...Nh8 39.Ng3 1.14/22
[39.Bd1+- 1.67/23]
39...Qe8 1.61/25 **40.Bd1+-** Black should try **40...Nf7!=** -0.01/25
[40...Ng6± 1.18/22 41.Nef5 Kb8]
41.Ne2 Qd8 42.Ng3? -0.01/25
[42.Nc3+- 1.99/22]
42...Ng5 1.49/24 **43.Nef5± Qe8** 2.03/24
[43...Rgh8± 1.33/24 44.Bd2 Rg8]
44.Rb3 Rgh8 1.91/24
[44...Ba4± 1.43/23]
45.Qb2 1.52/25
[45.Rxb6+- 1.91/24 Bxb6 46.Rxb6]
45...Rg8 46.Ra3 Rf8 1.70/23
[46...Rgh8± 1.33/23 is a better defense. 47.Be2 Bc8]
47.Ra6? -0.01/23 **Qc8!=** **48.Ra3** Some like it hot Black is on the road to losing. **48...Qe8** White should try **49.Qc3+-** 1.70/23 **Nd8** **50.Ra6→** White attacks with force. **50...Ndf7?** 2.93/23
[50...Bc8± 1.25/24]
51.Qa3+- Qb8 52.Ba4 Bxa4 53.Rxa4 Bd8 54.Bd2 Qc7 3.58/25
[⌓54...Nh8 2.30/23 55.Ra6 Rb7]
55.Ra6 Rg8? 5.36/25
[55...Qd7 2.23/24 56.Rb3 Nh6 57.Nxh6 Remove Defender Rxh6]
56.Ne2 Qb7 57.Bxg5 Nxg5 58.Rb3
[58.Nxd6 Nxf3+ 59.Kh1 Qb8 60.Qxf3 Qxd6=]
58...Qb8? 5.18/21
[58...Bc7 3.06/20 59.Qa4 Bb8]
59.Qa4 Qc7 60.Ra3 Qd7 8.02/23
[⌓60...Kb8 4.91/21 61.Qb3 Qf7]
61.Qb3 Rgg7 7.11/24
[⌓61...Kb8 4.67/21 62.Rxa7 Qxa7]
62.Qd1 Qb7 10.45/20
[⌓62...Nxf3+ 5.13/19 63.Rxf3 Rxg4]
63.Nc3 Excellent horsemanship.
63...Bc7 64.Nxg7 Rxg7 65.Qa4 Nxf3+ 66.Kxh3 Bb8 67.Qe8 Nd4 68.Nb5 Nxb5 69.Qxb5
[Not 69.cxb5 Rc7 70.Kg2 Rc8±]
69...Rg8 Black is weak on the light squares **70.Qc6** Active counter play!
[And not 70.Qxb6 Qh7+ 71.Kg3 Rxg4+ 72.Kxg4 Qxe4+ 73.Kg3 Qe1+ 74.Kf3 Qf1+ 75.Ke4 f5+ 76.Ke3 Qe1+ 77.Kf3 Qf1+ 78.Ke3 Qe1+ 79.Kd3 Qd1+ 80.Kc3 Qc1+ 81.Kd3 Qd1+ 82.Kc3= Qe1+ 83.Kc2 *(83.Kb2 Qd2+ 84.Kb3 Qd1+ 85.Kc3=)* 83...Qe2+ 84.Kc1 Qe1+ 85.Kc2 *(85.Kb2 Qd2+ 86.Ka1 Qd1+ 87.Qb1 Qd4+ 88.Qb2 Qd1+ 89.Qb1 Qd4+ 90.Qb2 Qg1+ 91.Qb1 Qd4+=)* 85...Qe2+ 86.Kc1 Qe1+ 87.Kc2=]
70...b5 71.cxb5 Rc8 Inhibits b6.

72.Qxb7+ Kxb7 Endgame KRR-KRB **73.Rf3 Bc7 74.Rc6 Rh8+ 75.Kg2 Rf8 76.Rf5 Rf7 77.Kf3 Rg7 78.Rxf6 Bb8 79.a4** Hoping for a5. **79...Bc7 80.g5 Bd8 81.Rfxd6 Bc7 82.Rg6** 30.25/20

[⌓82.Rh6 #18/26 Ba5 83.g6 *(83.Rxc5 Bb6+-)* 83...Rg8 84.Rh7+ *(84.Rxc5 Rf8+ 85.Kg2 Bd2+-)* 84...Ka8 85.g7 *(85.Rxc5 Bb4+-)* 85...Kb7 86.Rf6 *(86.Rxc5 a6+-)* 86...Bc3 87.d6]

82...Rh7 83.Rh6 Rf7+ 84.Rhf6 Rh7 85.g6 Rh3+ 86.Kg4 Re3 87.Rf7 Rxe4+ 88.Kg5 Re1 89.Rfxc7+ Kb8 90.a5 White threatens Rc8+ and mate. **90...Rg1+ 91.Kh6** White mates. **91...Rh1+ 92.Kg7 Rh8 93.Kxh8 c4 94.a6 c3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.52 **95.Rc8#**

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80 **C52**

□ **M-Z_Bot** **3029**

■ **Nikitosik-ai** **3032**

Blitz 26.11.2024

[Kitty Kat]

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[⌓10...f6 -0.28/20]

[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]

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11.Ba3= White has compensation. **11...f6 12.Bb5+N**

[12.Rab1 Bd7 13.Bb4 Rb8 14.a4 Nh6 15.Bd5 c6 16.Ba2 Nf7 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.Nf1 Bc7 19.Ne3 Be6 20.d5 Bd7 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Qd3 Nb7 23.Ba3 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Nc4 Rfd8 26.Qe3 Qxc4 0-1 Zapolskis,A (2257)-Johnson,D (2211) London Mindsports IM 2022 (2)]

12...c6 13.Bd3 Nh6 14.c4 c5 Dodges Bb4 **15.d5 Bd8 16.Bb2 b6 17.h3 Bd7 18.Nh2 Bc7 19.Bc3 Nb7 20.a4 a6** 0.39/22

[20...Rf8= -0.05/22]

21.Nb1± Nd8 22.Bd2 Ndf7 23.Nc3 0-0 24.Kh1 Kh8 25.Rg1 Bd8 26.g4 Ng8 27.Nf1 Qe8 28.Ne3 Ne7 29.Kh2 Ng6 30.Ng2 Ne7 31.Qd1 Rb8 32.Qf3 Ng5 33.Qg3 Nf7 34.Rgb1 Ra8 35.Qf3 Ng5 36.Qe2 Nf7 37.Bc2 Rb8 38.Ra3 g6 39.Ne3 Rg8 40.Rg1 g5 41.Bd1 Ng6 42.Nf5 Nf4 43.Qe1 Qf8 44.Bf3 Rg6 45.Qb1 Nh6 46.Qc2 Nxf5 47.exf5 Rg7 48.Raa1 Qg8 49.Be3 h6 50.Ne4 Be7 51.Ng3 h5 0.65/23 **52.gxh5 g4** 1.04/26 **53.h6±**

[53.hxg4 Rxg4 54.Rh1 *(54.Bxg4 Qxg4 55.Bxf4 exf4∓)* 54...Rh4+ 55.Kg1 Qg5 56.Rxh4 Qxh4∓]

53...Rg5 54.Bd1↑ White has the initiative.

[54.hxg4 Rxg4 55.Rge1 *(55.Bxg4*

Qxg4 56.Bxf4 exf4∓) 55...Rh4+ 56.Kg1 Bf8∓ *(56...Rxh6 57.Bxf4 exf4* Pin *58.Rxe7∓)*]

54...gxh3 0.94/23

[54...Qf8± 0.49/25]

55.a5 b5 56.cxb5 Bxb5 57.Qd2 Bf8!

[57...Qxd5? 58.Bxf4 Qxd2 59.Bxd2+-]

58.Bf3 Qh7 59.Qc3!

[59.Bxf4 exf4 60.Ne4 *(60.Qxf4 Qxh6 61.Rae1 Rg8=)* 60...Rxg1 61.Rxg1 Qxf5=]

59...Rxg3 60.fxg3

[60.Rxg3?! Qxf5 61.Bg4 Qe4=]

60...Ng2 61.Bc1

[61.Kxh3? Nxe3 62.Qxe3 Bxh6-+]

61...Bxh6 62.Ra3!

[62.Kxh3? Bd2+ *(62...Bxc1+ 63.Kxg2=)* 63.Kxg2 Bxc3-+]

62...Kg7

[62...Bxc1 63.Qxc1 Kg7 64.Bg4±]

63.Bg4!

[63.Kxh3? Ne3 *(63...Bxc1+? 64.Kxg2 Bxa3 65.Qxa3-+)* 64.Bxe3 Bxe3+ 65.Kg2 Rh8-+ *(65...Bxg1? 66.Kxg1 Qxf5 67.Rb3-+)*]

63...e4! 64.Rb3! Rh8 1.31/21

[64...Bxc1± 0.54/20 65.Qxc1 *(65.Rxc1 Qh6∓)* 65...Re8]

65.Rh1! Some like it hot

[65.Bxh3? Bxc1 *(65...Be3? 66.Qxf6+* Decoy *Kxf6 67.Bb2+ Bd4 68.g4-+)* 66.Kxg2 Qxh3+-+]

65...Qg8? 2.78/21

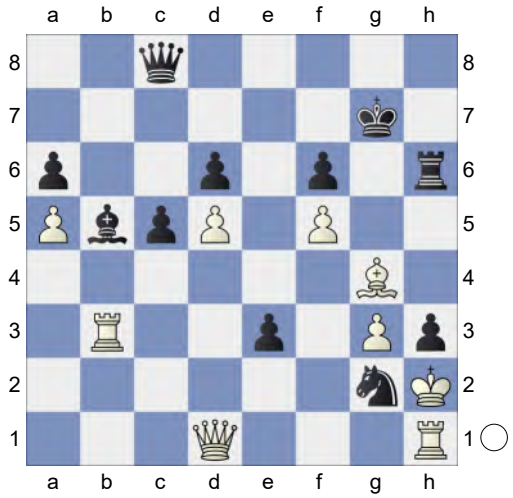
[Black should play 65...c4!± 0.70/20]

66.Bxh6++- Rxh6 67.Qd2!

[67.Bxh3 Qxd5∓ 68.Qb2 *(68.Kxg2 e3+ 69.Kh2 Rxh3+* Deflection *70.Kxh3 Qxh1+ 71.Kg4 Be2+ 72.Kf4 Qf3#; 68.Rxb5? axb5 69.Qc2 Ne3-+)* 68...Bc6=]

67...e3 68.Qd1 Black cannot hold the game after this. **68...Qc8?** 3.21/20

[68...Qe8± 1.55/17]

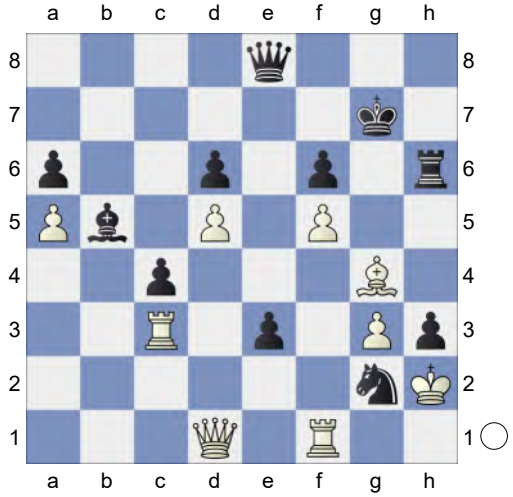


69.Rf1! c4? 4.40/21

[69...Rh7 2.16/18 is a better defense.]

[69...Qe8 70.Be2]

70.Rc3 Qe8



White must now prevent ...Qe5. **71.Qc2!**

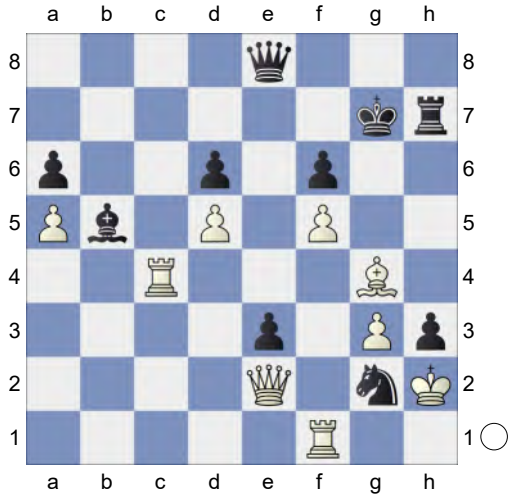
[71.Qd4? e2 72.Bxe2 *(72.Qa7+? Kf8-+)* 72...Qxe2-+]

71...Ba4? 5.55/19

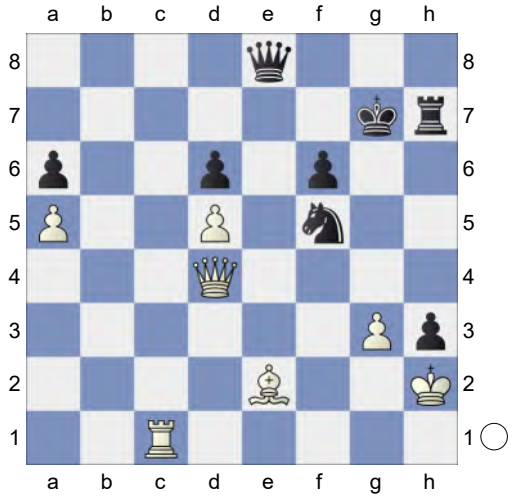
[71...Rh5 2.30/18 is tougher.]

72.Qe2 Bb5 73.Rxc4 Rh7

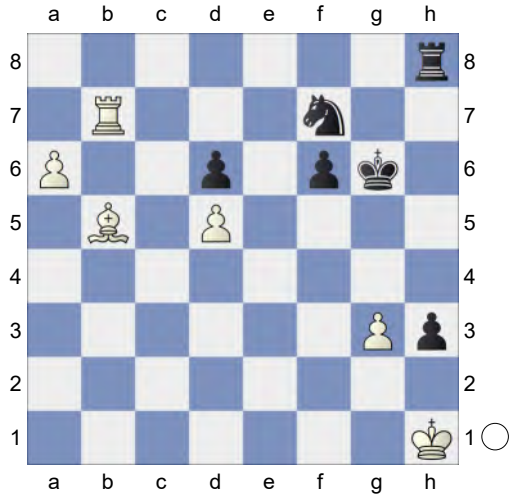
(Diagram)



74.Rfc1! Bxc4
[74...Qe5 75.Rc7+]
75.Qxc4 e2 76.Bxe2
[76.Bxh3? e1Q *(76...e1B 77.Kxg2 Rh5 78.Bg4±)* 77.Rxe1 Nxe1-+]
76...Ne3 77.Qd4
[77.Qxa6 Qe4 78.Rc7+ *(78.Qxd6? Qg2#)* 78...Kh6 79.Rxh7+ *(79.Qxd6? Qg2#)* 79...Kxh7 80.Qa7+ *(80.Qxd6? Qg2#)* 80...Kh6]
77...Nxf5



78.Qg4+! Kf8 79.Bxa6
[79.Qxf5? Qxe2+]
79...Nh6 80.Qf4
[80.Qxh3 Ng4+ 81.Kg2 Qe4+ *(81...Rxh3? 82.Rc8-+* Pin *)* 82.Kg1 Qe3+ *(82...Rxh3 83.Rc8+ Kg7 84.Rc7+ Kg6 85.Rg7+ Kxg7 86.Kf1 Rh1#)* 83.Kh1 Rxh3+ 84.Kg2 Rxg3+ 85.Kh1 Qh6#]
80...Qe7 81.Rb1
[81.Kxh3 Qd7+ 82.Kg2 Ng4 83.Rc8+ Kf7+-]
81...Qe5 82.Rb8+
[82.Kxh3? Ng4+ 83.Kg2 Qxd5+ 84.Kf1 Rh1+ *(84...Qxa5 85.Qxd6+ Re7 86.Rb8+ Kf7 87.Bc4+* Deflection *Kg6 88.Rg8+ Kh6 89.Rh8+ Kg7 90.Qxe7++-; 84...Qh1+? 85.Ke2-+)* 85.Ke2 Rxb1-+]
82...Kg7 83.Qxe5
[83.Kxh3 is a self mate. Ng4+ 84.Kg2 Qxd5+ 85.Qf3 Rh2+ *(85...Qxa5?* is the wrong capture. *86.Qxg4+ Qg5 87.Qe6+-)* 86.Kf1 Qxf3+ 87.Ke1 Qe3+ 88.Kf1 Qf2#]
83...Ng4+ 84.Kh1 Nxe5 Endgame KRB-KRN **85.Rb7+ Nf7 86.Bb5** and a6 would now be decisive **86...Rh8 87.a6 Kg6**



88.Rxf7! Kxf7 KR-KB
[88...Ra8 89.Re7]
89.Bc6 Rg8 90.a7 Rxg3 91.a8Q White wants to mate with Qe8+.
[91.a8B Kg6 92.Bb5 Rf3-+]

91...Kg7 92.Bd7 Re3 93.Be6 Re2 94.Qg8+ Kh6 95.Bf5 Rg2 96.Qe6 Kg5 97.Qe4 Rg3 98.Kh2 Rg2+ 99.Kxh3 Rg1 100.Kh2 White mates. **100...Rh1+ 101.Kxh1 Kh6 102.Qe3+ Kg7 103.Qe8 Kh6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.09 (flawless) **104.Qg6#**
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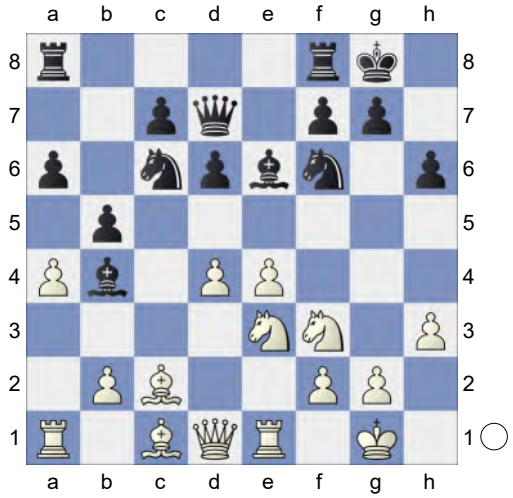
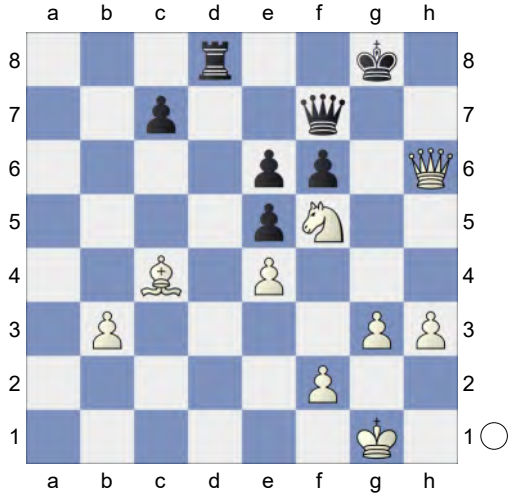
81 **C54**
□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3028**
■ **GarboBot** **2342**
Blitz 24.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3N**
[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 h5 9.Nxg5 h4 10.Nxf7 hxg3 11.Nxd8 Bg4 12.Qd2 Nd4 13.Nc3 Nf3+ 14.gxf3 Bxf3 The Giuoco Pianissimo-Game 1 - Victor Knorre vs. Mi]
[6.a4 a6 7.c3 Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Re8 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b4 d5 13.Qc2 d4 14.Bb2 Nh5 15.b5 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Nb3 Qd8 20.g3 Rh6 0-1 Lunacek,J (2702)-Ferri, S (2732) Chicago op 19th 2010 (11)]
[6.h3 a6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Nh5 10.Bh2 *(10.Kh2 Nxg3 11.fxg3 0-0 12.c3 Na5 13.Nbd2 Nxc4 14.Nxc4 Be6 15.Ne1 b5 16.Nd2 f5 17.Qh5 Kg7 18.Nc2 Qe8 19.Qe2 Qg6 20.d4 exd4 21.cxd4 Bb6 22.d5 Bd7 23.e5 dxe5 24.Qxe5+ Qf6* 0-1 Castro,T (2000)-Rumph,T (2183) US Amateur Team West 2010 (5.3)*)* 10...Nf4 11.c3 g4 12.hxg4 Bxg4 13.Nbd2 Qf6 14.Qb3 Rg8 15.Bg3 b5 16.Bxb5 axb5 17.Qxb5 Bd7 18.a4 Rxg3 19.d4 Rxg2+ 20.Kh1 Qg6 0-1 Krisha,T (1023)-Al Qudaimi,B (2401) Sharjah Rapid 2023 (1)]
6...0-0 7.h3 Bb6 8.Nbd2 Qe7 9.Bb3 Be6 10.Nc4 White is slightly better. **10...h6 11.a4 Bc5 12.Re1 a6 13.Bc2 b5** 1.24/22
[13...Bxc4± 0.51/21 14.dxc4 a5]
14.Ne3± Qd7? 3.40/22
[14...Bxe3± 1.05/19 15.Bxe3 Rfe8]
15.d4+- exd4 16.cxd4 Bb4



17.d5! Bxe1 18.Qxe1
[Less strong is 18.dxc6 Bxf2+ 19.Kxf2 Qxc6±]
18...Ne5 19.Nxe5
[19.dxe6 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 fxe6±]
19...dxe5 20.dxe6 fxe6 21.b3 Qd4 22.Ba3 Rfd8 23.Be7 Re8 24.Rd1 Qb6 25.Bxf6 gxf6 26.Qe2 Rad8 27.Qh5 Strongly threatening Qg6+. **27...Rxd1+ 28.Bxd1 Rf8** Black is weak on the light squares **29.Qg6+ Kh8 30.Qxh6+ Kg8 31.Qg6+ Kh8 32.Ng4 Qd4 33.Qh6+ Kg8 34.Qg6+?** -0.01/5
[34.Kh2+- 8.82/23]
34...Kh8= 35.Be2 Qd8 36.Qh6+ Kg8 37.Qg6+? -0.01/5
[Better is 37.axb5+- 9.77/24 axb5

38.Bxb5]
37...Kh8 38.Qh6+? -0.01/5
[38.axb5+- 9.85/23 axb5 39.Bxb5]
38...Kg8 39.axb5 axb5 40.Qg6+ Kh8 41.Bxb5 Qe7 42.Bc4 Rf7 43.Qh6+ Kg8 44.g3 Rf8 45.Ne3 Threatening mate with Nf5. **45...Rd8 46.Nf5** White mates. **46...Qf7**



47.Bxe6! Pin **47...Rd1+ 48.Kh2 Rh1+ 49.Kxh1 Qxe6** White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/Black=1.03 **50.Qg7#**
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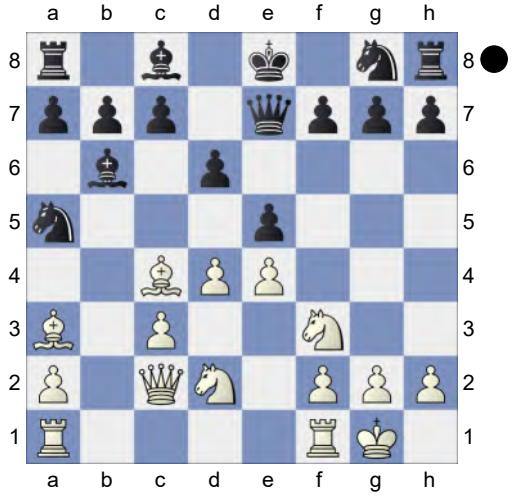
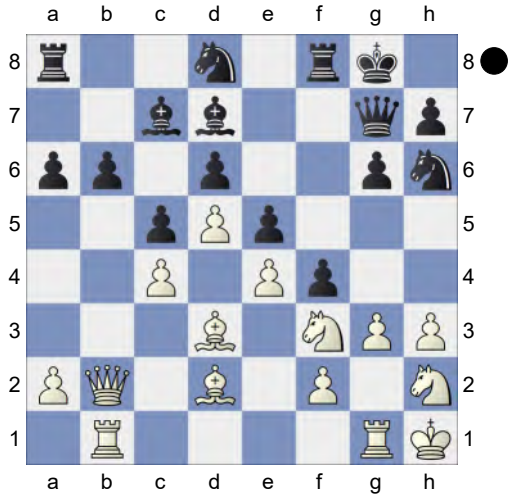
82 **C52**
□ **Fruity23** **3028**
■ **caissa-x** **3023**
Blitz 04.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Qe7**
[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]
[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]
11.Ba3



f6 12.Bb5+N
[12.Rab1 Bd7 13.Bb4 Rb8 14.a4 Nh6 15.Bd5 c6 16.Ba2 Nf7 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.Nf1 Bc7 19.Ne3 Be6 20.d5 Bd7 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Qd3 Nb7 23.Ba3 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Nc4 Rfd8 26.Qe3 Qxc4 0-1 Zapolskis,A (2257)-Johnson,D (2211) London Mindsports IM 2022 (2)]
12...c6 13.Bd3 Nh6 14.c4 c5 Against Bb4 **15.d5 Bd8 16.Bb2 b6 17.h3 Bd7 18.Bc3** White has compensation. **18...g6 19.Nh2 Qg7 20.Rae1 0-0** 0.33/21
[20...Nb7= -0.12/20]

21.Qd1 -0.07/20
[21.Kh1± 0.33/21 is superior.]
21...Nb7 22.Kh1 Be7 23.Rg1 a6 24.Qb1 Bd8 25.Qb2 f5 26.Rb1 f4! 27.Ndf3 Bc7! 28.Bd2 Nd8 29.g3



aiming for gxf4. **29...Ndf7! 30.Kg2 fxg3 31.fxg3 g5 32.g4 Bd8 33.Nf1 Nh8⇄** Black is not keeping still **34.Ng3** White wants to play Rbf1. **34...Ng6** Hoping for ...Nf4+.
[34...Rxf3 35.Kxf3 Ng6 36.Nf5+-]
35.Nf5 Active counter play!
[35.Nxg5? loses. Nh4+ 36.Kh1 Bxg5-+]
[35.Nh5 Qf7 36.Rbf1 *(36.Nxg5? Qf2+ 37.Kh1 Nxg4-+)* 36...Nf4+ 37.Nxf4 gxf4±]
35...Bxf5 36.exf5 Nh4+ Black is weak on the light squares **37.Nxh4 gxh4 38.Kh1 Bg5 39.Bc3 Rab8** An interesting draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless) **40.a4**
½-½

83 **C52**
□ **Buletten-Karl** **3024**
■ **PetersBot** **2990**
Blitz 09.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Qe7**
[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]
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11.Ba3 f6 12.Bb5+N
[12.Rab1 Bd7 13.Bb4 Rb8 14.a4 Nh6 15.Bd5 c6 16.Ba2 Nf7 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.Nf1 Bc7 19.Ne3 Be6 20.d5 Bd7 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Qd3 Nb7 23.Ba3 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Nc4 Rfd8 26.Qe3 Qxc4 0-1 Zapolskis,A (2257)-Johnson,D (2211) London Mindsports IM 2022 (2)]
12...c6 13.Bd3 Nh6 14.c4 c5 Inhibits Bb4. **15.d5 0-0 16.Bb2 Bd8 17.Bc3 b6 18.h3 f5** 0.43/22
[18...Bd7= 0.04/19]
19.exf5± Bxf5 20.Rae1 Qd7 21.Ne4

b5 22.cxb5 c4 23.Be2 Bg6! 24.Nfd2 Rf4 25.Bf3 Bb6 0.58/17

[25...Nb7!= 0.07/19]

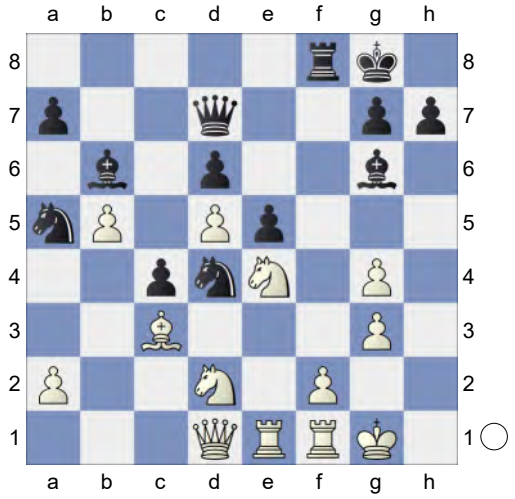
26.Qd1 Nf5 27.Bg4!

[27.g3 Nxg3 28.Bg4 *(28.Nxg3? Qxh3-+)* 28...Nf5∓ *(28...Qxb5 29.Nxg3 Qxd5 30.Bf3±* Skewer *)*]

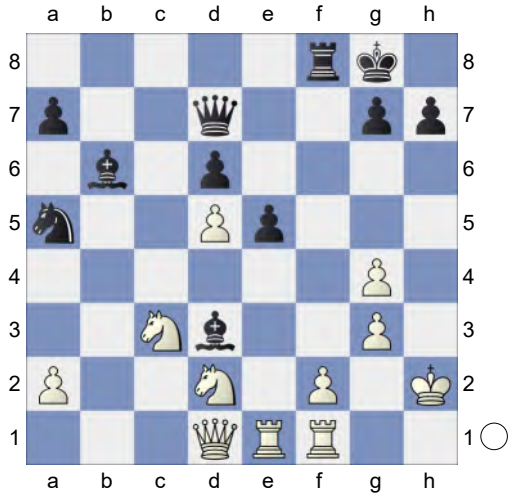
27...Rf8 28.g3 Rxg4 29.hxg4

[29.Qxg4 Qxb5 30.Qf3 *(30.Rc1 Qxd5 31.Ng5 Nd4=)* 30...Nd4∓ *(30...Qxd5? 31.Nf6+* Discovered Attack *gxf6 32.Qxd5++-)*]

29...Nd4



30.Kh2! Nxb5 31.Bb4 c3 32.Bxc3 Nxc3 33.Nxc3 Bd3!



34.Nde4! Bxf1 35.Rxf1 Nb7! 36.f3 0.31/20

[36.Ng5± 0.78/21]

36...Bd4 37.Ne2 Qb5 38.Qc2!

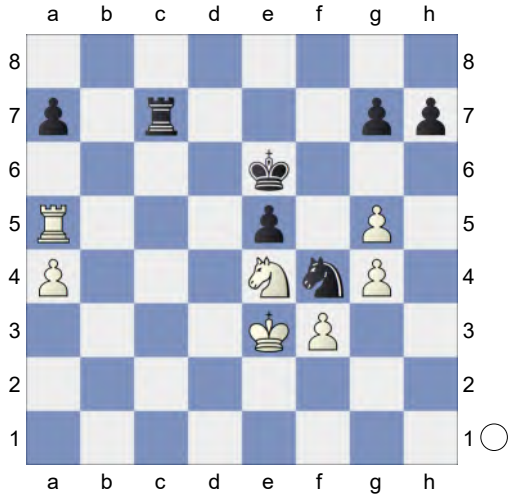
[Reject 38.Nxd4 exd4 39.Rf2 Qxd5=]

38...Bb6 39.Kg2 Na5! 40.N2c3 Nc4! and ...Ne3+ should not be overlooked

41.Nxb5

[Avoid the trap 41.Nf6+? Rxf6 *(41...gxf6? 42.Nxb5 Ne3+ 43.Kh3-+)* 42.Nxb5 Ne3+ 43.Kf2 Nxc2+-+]

41...Ne3+ 42.Kf2 Nxc2+ 43.Ke2 Ne3 Dodges Rd1 **44.Rc1 Nxd5 45.Nbxd6 Ne7 46.g5 Ra8 47.Rc3 Rd8 48.a3 Nd5 49.Rd3 Ne7 50.Rc3 Rf8 51.a4 Rd8 52.Kf1 Nd5 53.Rc1 Rf8 54.Ke2** a5! is in the air **54...Ne7! 55.Rc4 Rb8 56.Rc3 Rd8 57.Kf1 Nd5 58.Rc6 Ne7 59.Rc1 Rf8 60.Ke2 Rb8 61.Nc4 Bd4 62.Ncd6** Excellent horsemanship. **62...Rb2+** The position is equal. **63.Nd2 Kf8 64.Nb5 Bf2** Decoy **65.Kxf2 Rxd2+=** Endgame KRN-KRN **66.Ke3 Ra2 67.Nc3 Rg2 68.g4 Kf7 69.Rb1 Rc2 70.Kd3 Rf2 71.Ke4 Rc2! 72.Kd3 Rf2 73.Ke3 Rc2 74.Ne4 Nd5+ 75.Kd3 Rc7 76.Rb5 Nf4+ 77.Kd2 Ke6 78.Ra5 Rd7+ 79.Kc3 Rc7+ 80.Kd2 Rd7+ 81.Ke3 Rc7 82.Nd2 Rc1 83.Ne4** Threatens to win with Ra6+. **83...Rc7**



84.g6! hxg6 85.Ng5+ Kf6 86.Nh7+ Ke6 87.Ng5+ Kf6 88.Ne4+ Ke6 89.Kd2 Rd7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless) **90.Kc2** Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?
1-0

84 **C51**
□ **ToromBot** **3022**
■ **RaspFish** **2993**
Blitz 23.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec C51: Evans Gambit: Declined and Accepted without 5...Ba5
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Bc5 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb6 8.0-0 d6 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Bd3 White has compensation. **10...Ne7 11.h3** Wards off Bg4

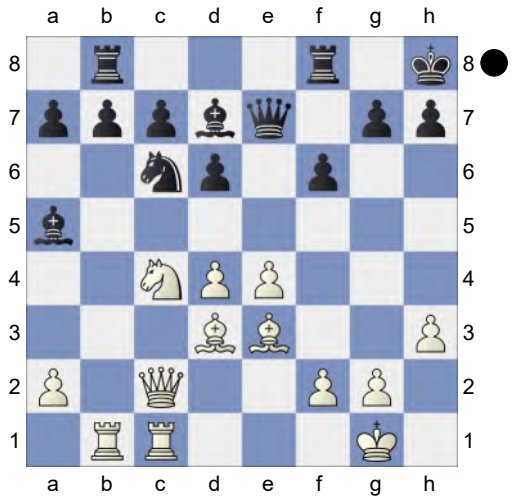
[11.Na4 0-0 12.Nxb6 axb6 13.Nh4 f6 14.f4 f5 15.Qh5 g6 16.Qh6 d5 17.e5 Nb3 18.Nf3 Rf7 19.Ng5 Qf8 20.Nxf7 Nxa1 21.Bb1 Qxf7 22.Rf2 Ra4 23.Bb2 Rb4 24.Qh3 Bd7 25.Qa3 Nc6 0-1 2.c4 e5 (2600)-12. ♘d2 g6 13, ♗ (2550) Daugavpils 1978]

[11.e5 dxe5 12.dxe5 Bg4 13.Bg5 Nac6 14.Re1 0-0 15.Re4 Bf5 16.Qd2 Bxe4 17.Nxe4 Nd4 18.Nf6+ gxf6 19.Bxf6 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 Qd4 21.Rf1 1-0 Blackburne,J-Owens,J British CA Congress-06 Masters 1890 (15)]

11...0-0 12.Rb1N

[12.Ne2 f6 13.Kh1 Ng6 14.Ng3 c5 15.d5 Qe8 16.Bb2 Bd7 17.Nh5 Ne5 18.Nxe5 dxe5 19.Rb1 Bc7 20.Bc3 b5 21.d6 Bb6 22.f4 b4 23.fxe5 bxc3 24.exf6 Qe5 25.Rf5 Bxf5 26.exf5 Qxd6 0-1 Maarsen-Utrecht Netherlands intercity 1871]

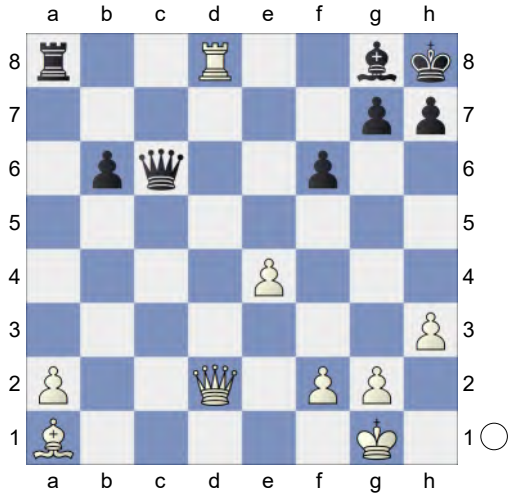
12...Ng6 White is slightly better. **13.Bg5 f6 14.Be3 Kh8 15.Qc2 Nc6 16.Nd5 Bd7 17.Rfe1 Ba5 18.Rec1 Rb8 19.Nd2 Nge7 20.Nxe7 Qxe7 21.Nc4!**



Bb6 22.Nxb6 axb6 23.Rb3 Rbc8 24.Qd2 Qd8 25.d5 Ne5 26.Be2 Be8 27.Bd4 Nd7 28.Re3 c6 29.Bg4 Ra8! 30.dxc6 bxc6 31.Rd3

[31.Rxc6 Nc5 32.Bxc5 Bxc6-+]

31...Qc7 32.Bxd7 Bxd7 33.Ba1 Be6 34.Rxd6 Rfd8 35.Rcxc6 Qxc6 36.Rxd8+ Bg8



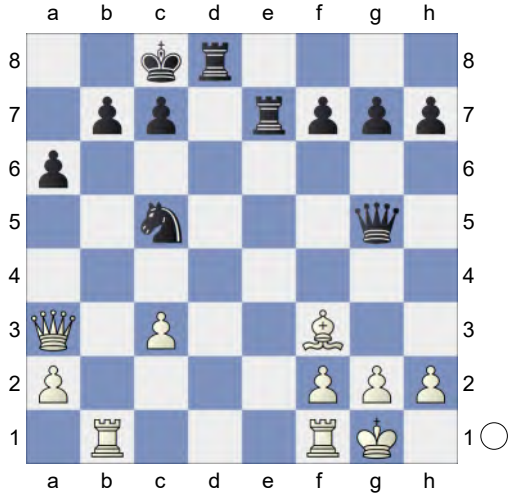
White must now prevent ...Rxd8. **37.Qd6**

[37.Rxa8 simplifies Qxa8 38.Qd6 Bxa2 39.e5]

37...Qc1+ 38.Qd1 Qxd1+ 39.Rxd1 Bxa2= Endgame KRB-KRB **40.e5 Bb3 41.Rb1** and exf6! would now be decisive. The position is equal. **41...Bc2 42.Rc1 fxe5 43.Bxe5 Ra2 44.Bd4 Kg8 45.Bxb6 Rb2 46.Kh2 Rxb6 47.Rxc2** KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **47...Rb5 48.Rc8+ Kf7 49.h4 Rb2 50.Rc7+ Kg8 51.Rc8+ Kf7 52.f3 Rb5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) / Black=0.02 (flawless) **53.Rc7+**
½-½

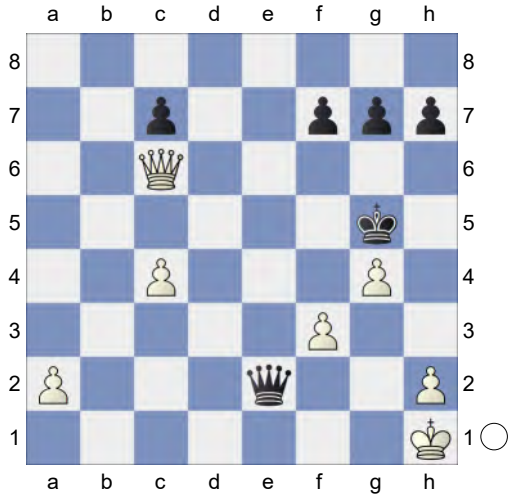
85 **C51**
□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3021**
■ **expositor** **2734**
Blitz 13.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C51: Evans Gambit: Declined and Accepted without 5...Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Be7 6.d4 Na5 7.Bd3 d6 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Nf6** The position is equal. **10.0-0 Be6N**
[10...0-0 11.Qc2 c5 *(11...Qd6 12.Nf3 Rd8 13.Be2 Qc6 14.e5 Qe4 15.Qxe4 Nxe4* 2) Evans Gambit-Evans Gambit 4.b4 − 6.d4 Na *)* 12.Nd2 Qc7 13.Nec4 *(13.f4 b6 14.c4 Nh5 15.g3 f6 16.Nef3 Nc6* 18) Italian Opening: Evans Ga-6.d4 Na5 7.Bd3 Gambit Buster: 1.e4 e5 2024*)* 13...Nxc4 14.Bxc4 Bd6 15.h3 Re8 16.Bb2 Bh2+ 17.Kh1 Bf4 18.Rae1 Bxh3 19.gxh3 Qd7 20.Qd3 Qxd3 21.Bxd3 Bxd2 22.Re2 Bf4 23.Rfe1 Be5 24.c4 Rad8 25.Bxe5 0-1 Kryvoruchko,Y (2707)-Karjakin,S (2771) FIDE World Rapid 2014 (12. 7)]
11.Qc2 Qd6 12.Nf3 0-0-0 13.Be2 Qc6! 14.Nbd2 Rhe8 0.56/21
[14...Bc5= 0.00/19]
15.Ne5!⩲ Qc5 16.Ndf3 Nc4 Prevents Be3. **17.Nd3 Qa5 18.Nf4↑** Black is under pressure. **18...Na3 19.Bxa3 Bxa3 20.Nxe6 Rxe6** 0.91/20
[20...fxe6= 0.28/20 21.Rab1 c6]
21.e5± Nd7 22.Ng5 Re7 23.Rab1 Hoping for Rb5!. White is more active. This move loses the game for Black. **23...Qxe5** 2.02/22
[23...Rxe5? 24.Nxf7 *(24.Nxh7 Nb6∓)* 24...Rxe2 25.Qxe2+-]
[23...c6!⩲ 0.64/20]
24.Qb3!+- Nc5
[24...Qxg5 25.Qxb7#]
25.Qxa3 Qxg5 26.Bf3 a6 2.89/25
[26...Kb8 1.72/22 is a better defense.]

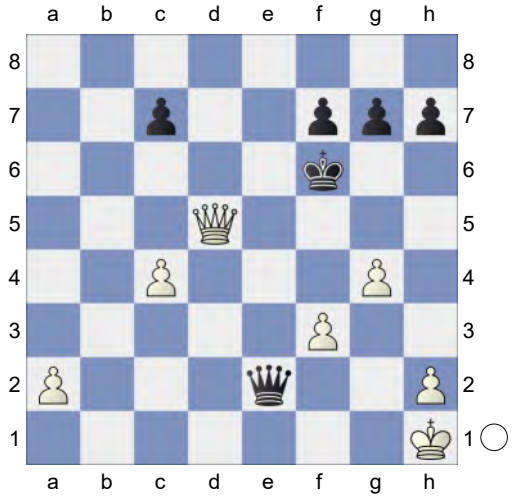


27.Bxb7+! Remove Defender, Deflection **27...Nxb7 28.Qxa6 Qd5 29.c4 Qe4** ...Kb8 is the strong threat. **30.f3!**
[30.Qa8+ Kd7 31.Qxb7 Qxb7 32.Rxb7 Re4±]
30...Qe3+ 31.Kh1 Rd2? 4.08/22
[31...c5 2.32/23]
32.Qxb7+
[32.Rxb7 Re6 33.Qb5 Rb6 34.Rxb6 cxb6±]

32...Kd7 33.Qb5+ Ke6? 7.58/23
[33...Kc8 3.33/21 34.Qa6+ Kd7]
34.Rfe1 Pin
[34.Rbe1 Re2 35.Rxe2 Qxe2±]
34...Re2 35.Qc6+ Kf5 36.Rb5+ Re5 37.Rxe5+ Qxe5 Endgame KQR-KQR. White is a pawn up. **38.g4+**
[Not 38.Qd7+ Kf6 39.Qd8+ Qe7 40.Qd4+ *(40.Rxe2? loses. Qxd8 41.Kg1 Qd4+ 42.Kf1 Qxc4-+)* 40...Qe5 41.Qh4+ *(41.Rxe2? Qxd4 42.Re1 Qxc4-+)* 41...Ke6±]
38...Kg5 39.Rxe2 Qxe2



KQ-KQ. White is a pawn up. **40.Qd5+!**
[40.Qxc7? Qf1#]
40...Kf6



41.g5+! Ke7 42.Qe4+ Qxe4 43.fxe4 KP-KP. White is a pawn up. **43...Kd6 44.a4 Kc5 45.a5 Kc6 46.Kg2 Kb7 47.Kf3 Ka6 48.Ke3 Kxa5 49.Kd4 Kb6 50.Kd5 Kb7 51.e5 g6 52.c5 Kb8 53.Kc6** Intending Kd7 and mate.
53...Kc8 54.h3 Kb8 55.Kd7 Kb7 56.c6+ 14.63/27 **Kb6 57.h4 Ka5 58.Kxc7 Kb4 59.Kd6 h5**
[59...Kc4 60.c7]
60.gxh6 Kb3 61.c7 Kc3 62.h7 Kd3 63.c8Q f6 64.h8Q 35.45/13
[⌓64.exf6 #6/14 Ke4 65.h8Q *(65.h8R g5 66.f7 Ke3 67.f8Q g4 68.Qc3+ Ke4 69.Qe8+ Kf5 70.Rf8#)* 65...Ke3 66.Qhe8+ Kf2 67.Qg4 Kf1 68.Qee2#]
64...f5 65.Qc5 White mates. **65...f4 66.Qa8 Kd2 67.Qg2+ Kd1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.82
68.Qcg1#
1-0

86 **C51**
□ **ProteusSF-Turbo** **3017**
■ **admete_bot** **2447**
Rapid 12.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bb6 5.a4 a6 6.d3 Nf6 7.c3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 Be6N**
[9...Ne7 10.a5 Ba7 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.Rxe3 Ng6 13.d4 Bd7 14.Qb3 Ng4 15.Re1 Kh8 16.h3 Nh6 17.Nbd2 Qf6 18.Re3 Nf4 19.Nf1 g5 20.dxe5 dxe5 21.Rd1 Bxh3 22.gxh3 Nxh3+ 23.Kg2 g4 24.Ng3 0-1 Leconte,J-Miles,E Jugoslavija 76/203 1999]
[9...h6 10.h3 Ne7 11.d4 exd4 12.a5 Ba7 13.cxd4 d5 14.e5 Ne4 15.Bd3

Bf5 16.Na3 f6 17.exf6 Rxf6 18.Be3 c6 19.g4 Nc3 20.Qc2 Bxd3 21.Qxc3 Rxf3 22.Qxd3 Qd6 0-1 Bacrot,E (2594)-Almasi,Z (2676) Szeged m 2000 (3)]

10.Nbd2 Ng4 11.Re2 d5 1.16/20

[11...h6= 0.30/19 remains equal.]

12.exd5± Bxd5 and ...e4! would now be decisive **13.Qb3! Bxc4** 1.24/23

[⌂13...Nf6 0.75/21]

14.Qxc4 Qd7 15.Ne4 Rfd8 2.15/22

[15...Kh8± 1.07/20]

16.h3+- Nf6 17.Nxf6+ gxf6 18.Qh4! Qxd3 2.59/23

[18...Qf5± 1.57/19]

19.Re4 Ne7? 3.46/23

[19...Rd6 1.78/22]

20.Bh6!

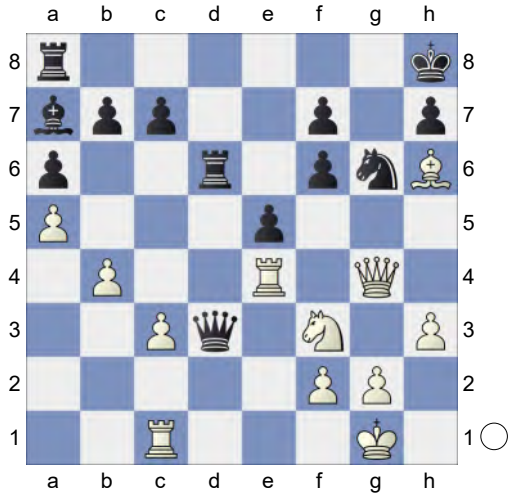
[20.Rg4+ Ng6 21.Qxf6 Rd6 22.Qxe5 Re6=]

20...Rd6

[20...Qxc3 21.Qxf6 *(21.Rc1 Qxc1+ 22.Bxc1 Ng6+-)* 21...Bxf2+ *(21...Qxa1+ 22.Kh2)* 22.Kxf2+-]

21.Qg4+ Ng6 22.a5 Ba7 23.Rc1 Wards off Qc2 **23...Kh8?** 4.42/23

[23...Rc6 2.44/21]



24.Nh4! Rc6 5.18/22

[⌂24...Rg8 3.38/19]

25.c4 Bd4 26.c5

[Not 26.Nf5 Rxc4 27.Rxc4 Qxc4 28.Nxd4 exd4 29.Rxd4 Qc3+-]

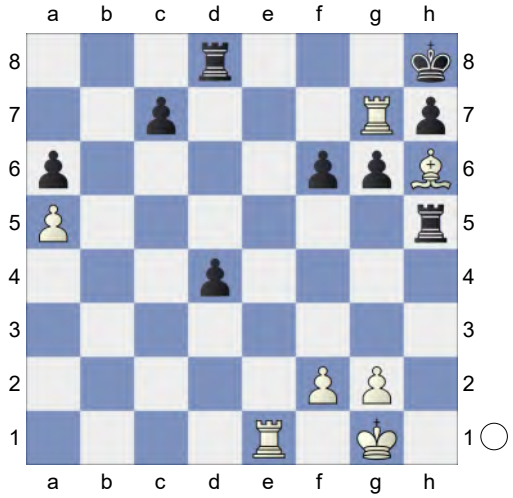
26...Rd8 27.Nf5 Black must now prevent Nxd4. **27...Bb2 28.Rf1 b6 29.h4 Qd7 30.h5 bxc5 31.bxc5**

[31.hxg6 fxg6 32.Ng3 Qxg4 33.Rxg4 c4±]

31...Bd4 6.46/22

[⌂31...Kg8 4.54/20 32.Be3 *(32.hxg6 hxg6 33.Re2 Qxf5±)* 32...Kf8]

32.hxg6 fxg6 33.Nxd4 Qxg4 34.Rxg4 exd4 35.Re4 Rxc5 36.Rfe1 Kg8 37.Re7 Rh5 38.Rg7+ Kh8



39.Rd7! Deflection, Back Rank **39...Rg8 40.Bf4 c5 41.g4 Rh4 42.Bg3 g5 43.Bxh4 gxh4 44.Ree7 Rxg4+ 45.Kh2 h6 46.Rc7 d3 47.Rxc5** 35.82/31

[⌂47.Rh7+ #19/32 Kg8 48.Rhd7 *(48.Rxh6 d2+-)* 48...Kh8 49.Rxc5 Rg8 50.Rcc7 *(50.Rxd3 Kh7+-)* 50...Ra8 51.Rxd3 Kg8 52.Rd6]

47...d2 48.Rd5 Rg7 49.Rxg7 Kxg7 50.Rxd2 KR-KP **50...Kg6 51.Rd6 Kh5 52.Rxa6 Kg4 53.Rxf6** KR-KPP **53...Kg5 54.Rc6 Kf5 55.a6 Ke4 56.a7 Kf5 57.a8Q Ke5 58.Qe8+ Kd4 59.Qe7** Threatening mate with Rc5!. **59...h3 60.Rc5 h5** Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error

Value: White=0.14 (very precise) / Black=0.92 **61.Qe3#**
1-0

87 **C55**
□ **darulBUSEL** **3014**
■ **Former_warrior** **2706**
Blitz 11.07.2020
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 exd4** 0.81/20

[6...Nxd4∓ -0.31/23 keeps the upper hand.

A) 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 *(8.c3 Nc6 9.Qe1 0-0 10.Nd2 exf4 11.Rxf4 Ne5 12.Be2 Re8 13.Nc4 Ng6 14.Rf1 Nxe4 15.Be3 d5 16.Rd1 c6 17.Na3 Qe7 18.Nc2 Ne5 19.b4 Bg4 20.Bd4 Bxe2 21.Qxe2 Qg5 22.Ne3 Ng6* 0-1 Maxwell,A (1954)-5.0-0 ♘d4 6. ♘d4 cd4_42043 (1808) IND-chT 42nd 2023 (8)) 8...dxe5 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Na3 Qe7 11.c3 Bxc4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxc4 Ne6 14.Ne3 Qc5 15.Qe1 0-0-0 16.Kh1 Nf4 17.g3 Rd3 18.Nf5 Ne6 19.Qe2 Rhd8 20.Nd4 R3xd4 21.cxd4 exd4 0-1 Movsesian,S (2723)-Leko,P (2741) Moscow Tal Memorial Blitz 2008 (25);

B) 7.Bg5 Qe7]

7.e5!± Nxe5N 1.84/21

[Black should play 7...d5!± 0.67/19 8.exf6 dxc4 9.fxg7 Rg8

A) 10.Re1+ Be6 11.Qh5 Qd7 *(11...Qf6 12.Bg5 Qg6 13.Qxg6 hxg6 14.Na3 Rxg7 15.Nb5 Kd7 16.Rad1* 8) Italian: 3...Bc5 4.d4 Bxd4,O-8A | Italian with 5...exd4 |) 12.Qxh7 0-0-0 13.Bg5 Rde8 14.Bf6 Nb4 15.Nd2 Nd5 16.Qh6 Nxf6 17.Qxf6 8) Italian: 3...Bc5 4. d4 Bxd4,O-8A | Italian with 5...exd4 |;

B) 10.Qh5 Qf6 11.Bg5 Qxg7 12.Re1+ Be6 13.Rxe6+ Kd7 14.Rxc6 bxc6 15.Qh3+ Ke8 16.Bf4 #4 Theory 1A: 3... Bc5-A: 3... Bc5 6...exd4]

8.Re1+-

[8.Qxd4 d6=]

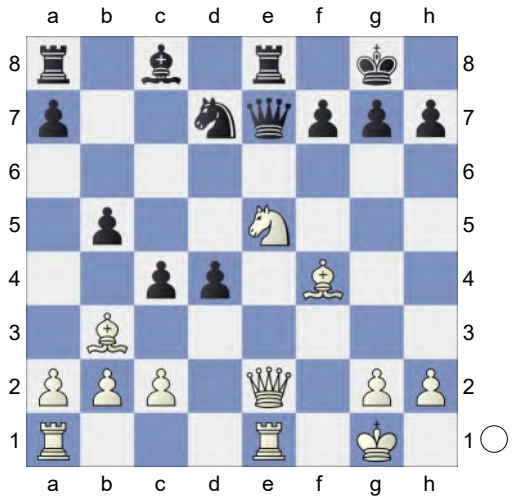
8...Qe7 2.80/18

[8...d6 1.84/18 is a better defense.]

9.f4

[9.Qxd4? Nf3+ 10.gxf3 Qxe1+-+]

9...d6 10.fxe5 dxe5 11.Bf4 Nd7 12.Nd2 0-0 13.Bb3 c5 14.Qe2 Re8 15.Nc4 b5 16.Nxe5 c4



17.Bxc4! 0.16/18 **bxc4=** **18.Qxc4** Strongly threatening Nxf7!. **18...Bb7** 0.74/20

[18...Nxe5= 0.29/18 is more appropriate. 19.Rxe5 Be6 20.Qxd4 Rac8]

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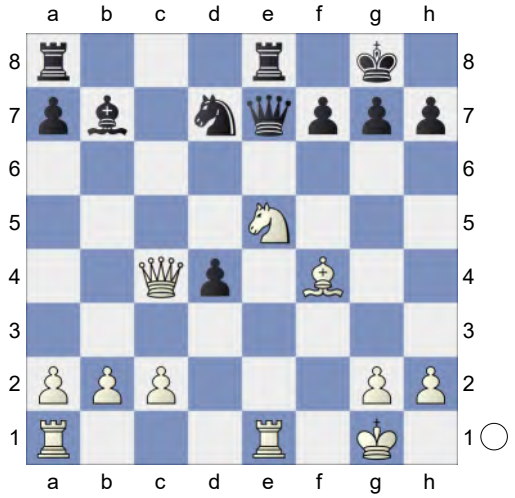
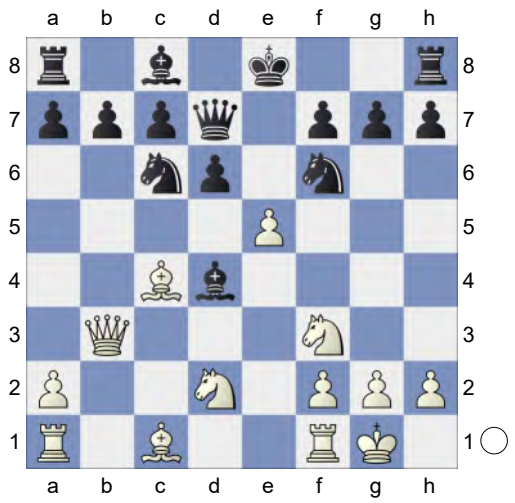


19.Qb5 0.18/21 White is more active.
[19.Nf3!± 0.74/20 Qf6 20.Qxd4]
19...Nxe5?? 3.43/21
[19...Nc5= 0.18/21 and Black is okay.]
20.Rxe5+- a6 21.Rxe7 axb5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/Black=0.63 **22.Rxb7**
1-0

88 **C52**
□ **Findel64** **3013**
■ **AKS-Mantissa** **2726**
Blitz 07.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 openings101.org **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 exd4N** 0.53/19
[Better is 9...Na5= -0.22/18 10.Qc2
A) 10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.exd6 Qxd6 13.e5 Qc6 14.Bd3 Ng6 15.c4 Bc5 16.Bb2 Be6 17.Bc3 Qa6 18.Nb3 Nxb3 19.axb3 Qb6 20.Ba5 Qc6 21.Be4 Qd7 22.Bxb7 Rab8 23.Rfd1 Qe7 24.Be4 Bg4 25.Re1 ½-½ Goldenberg,R (2268)-Poliannikov,D (2285) New York Fall IM-D 2022 (5) Bxf3 26.Bxf3 Nxe5 27.Bd5 Qd6 28.Qf5 Ng6 29.Rab1 Ne7 30.Qf3 Nxd5 31.Qxd5 Qxd5 32.cxd5 Rbd8 33.Bxc7 Rxd5 34.b4 Bb6 ½-½ Guarin Fonseca,N (2268)-Rheinheimer,H (2285) Evpatoria 104/274 2008 (5);
B) 10...f6 11.a4 *(11.Re1 Ne7 12.a4 Ng6 13.Ba2 Nf4 14.g3 Qg4 15.Kh1 Nh3 16.Re2 h5 17.Qd3 h4 18.Nf1 hxg3 19.fxg3 Bd7 20.Bd5 0-0-0 21.Bb2 c6 22.Ba2 f5 23.N3d2 f4* Chapter-Evans Gambit*)* 11...Ne7 12.Ba2 Qc6 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Ba3 Be6 15.Bb4 Bxa2 16.Qxa2 Ng6 17.g3 Nf8 18.Bxa5 Bxa5 19.Nc4 Bb6 20.Rad1 Nd7 21.Rd5 0-0-0 0-1 Short,N (2706)-Filippov,A (2595) Kolkata op 4th 2009 (7);
C) 10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3);
D) 10...Nxc4 11.Nxc4 Qc6 12.Nxb6 axb6]
10.cxd4± Nf6 1.32/18
[10...Na5!= 0.22/19 remains equal. 11.Qb4 Ne7]
11.e5± Bxd4? 4.36/23
[11...Nh5± 0.85/20]

(Diagram)

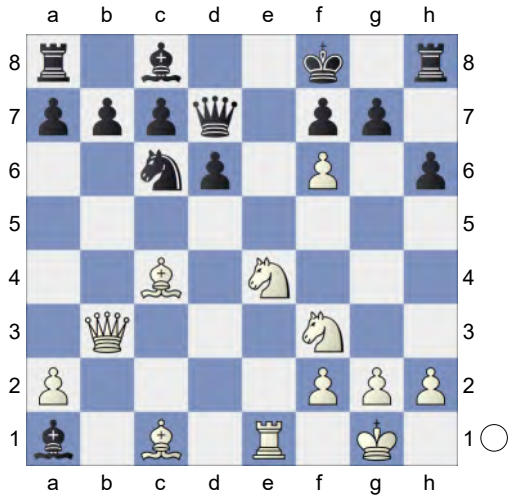


12.exf6!+- Bxa1

[12...Bxf6 13.Re1+]

13.Re1+! Kf8 14.Ne4 h6

[14...gxf6? 15.Bh6+ Ke7 16.Nc5+ *(16.Rxa1 Rg8±)* 16...Be5 17.Nxd7 Bxd7 18.Rc1+- *(18.Qxb7 Rhg8+-; 18.Bxf7 Na5+-; 18.Nxe5 fxe5 19.f4 f6+-)*]



15.fxg7+ Bxg7

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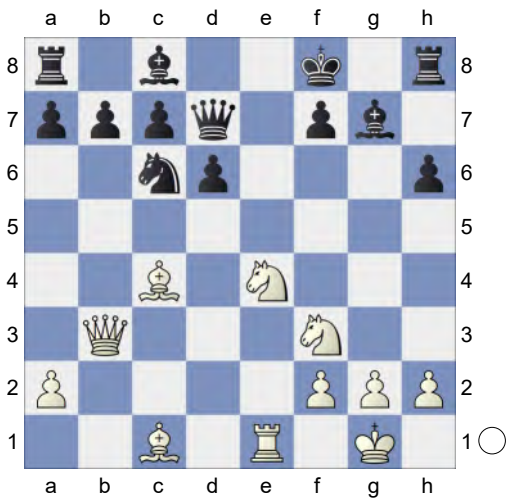

Threatens to win with ...Na5. **16.Bb2!** aiming for Bxg7+. **16...Qg4** 7.84/22

[⌓16...Rg8 4.14/20 17.Bxg7+ Rxg7]

17.h3 Qf4 18.Ng3 Be5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Bxe5 dxe5 21.Re3 Qg5 22.Bxf7 Bd7 23.Ne4

[23.Qxb7 Kxf7 24.Qd5+ Be6 25.Rf3+ Kg7 *(25...Ke7? 26.Qc5+ Kd8 27.Ne4+-)* 26.Qxe6 Rhf8=]

23...Qe7 24.Bd5

[24.Qxb7? Kxf7 25.Qxc7 Rhg8 26.Nd6+ Kg6-+]

24...Be8 25.Rf3+

[25.Bxb7 Rb8±]

25...Kg7 26.Rf6

[26.Bxb7 Rd8±]

26...Rf8 27.Re6

[And not 27.Qxb7 Rxf6 28.Nxf6 Rd8 29.Nxe8+ Rxe8 30.Qxa7 Rd8=]

27...Qh4 28.Qc3

[Not 28.Rxe5 Bf7+-]

28...Rf5 29.Rxe5 Kg6 30.Rxf5 Deflection **30...Kxf5 31.Qg7** Intending g4+ and mate. **31...h5 32.f4** White mates. **32...Qe1+ 33.Kh2 Qh4 34.Qf8+ Kg6 35.f5+ Kh7 36.Qg8+ Kh6** Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.95

37.Qh8#
1-0

89 **C52**
□ **XShashX** **3013**
■ **PetersBot** **2986**
Blitz 20.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Qe7**

[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]

[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]

11.Ba3

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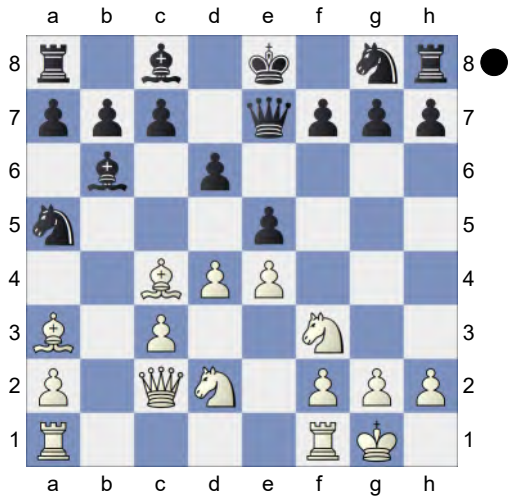

f6 12.Bb5+N

[12.Rab1 Bd7 13.Bb4 Rb8 14.a4 Nh6 15.Bd5 c6 16.Ba2 Nf7 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.Nf1 Bc7 19.Ne3 Be6 20.d5 Bd7 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Qd3 Nb7 23.Ba3 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Nc4 Rfd8 26.Qe3 Qxc4 0-1 Zapolskis,A (2257)-Johnson,D (2211) London Mindsports IM 2022 (2)]

12...c6 13.Bd3 Nh6 14.c4 c5 Wards off Bb4 **15.d5 0-0 16.Bb2** White has compensation. **16...Bd8 17.a4 g6 18.h3 Bd7 19.g4 Nf7 20.Nh2 h5** 0.49/25

[20...g5= 0.08/22]

21.f4!± hxg4 22.Be2 g3

[22...gxh3 23.Kh1∓]

23.Ng4 f5! 24.exf5 Bxf5 25.Qc3 Qh4 26.Ra3 Qh8

[26...Qxh3 27.Qxg3 Qh7 *(27...Qxg3+ 28.Rxg3 Bh4 29.Rg2±)* 28.Qg2± *(28.fxe5 Nxe5 29.Nxe5 dxe5±)*]

27.Qf3 e4

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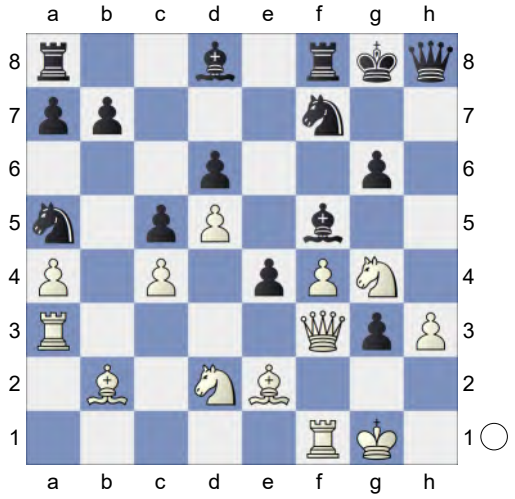
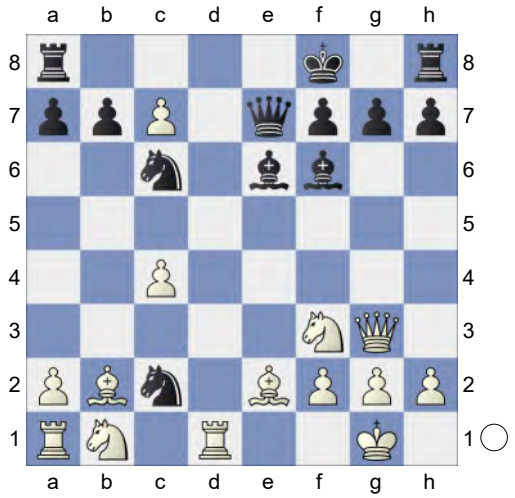


Discovered Attack **28.Qc3** Really sharp! **28...Qxc3**
[28...Qxh3 29.Qg7#]
29.Rxc3 Bh4 30.Re3 Rae8 31.Bd1 0.01/22 **b6= 32.Bc3 g2 33.Kxg2 Kh7! 34.Nf6+ Bxf6** The position is equal. **35.Bxf6 Nh6 36.Bc3** A strong pair of Bishops. **36...Bd7! 37.Rfe1**
[Don't play 37.Nxe4 Nxc4 38.Re2 *(38.Nf6+ Rxf6 39.Rxe8 Bxe8∓)* 38...Nf5∓]
37...Nf5!
[37...Rxf4 38.Nxe4 Re5 39.Nxd6 *(39.Bxe5 dxe5 40.Ng5+* Discovered Attack *Kg8+-)* 39...Rxe3 40.Rxe3±]
38.Rxe4 Rxe4 39.Rxe4 Kg8 40.Bg4 next Kf2 is good for White. **40...Kf7 41.Kf2 Re8! 42.Rxe8 Kxe8 43.Bxa5 bxa5** Endgame KBN-KBN **44.Ne4 Ke7** Prevents Nf6. **45.Nc3 Kf7 46.Ne4 Ke7! 47.Nc3 Kf7 48.Ke1 a6 49.Kd2 Ke7 50.Kd3 Kf7 51.Ke4 Ke7 52.Kf3= Nh4+ 53.Ke3 Nf5+ 54.Kd3 Be8 55.Kd2 Bd7 56.Ke2 Kf7 57.Ne4 Ke7!** Threatens to win with ...Nd4+. **58.Nc3 Ng3+ 59.Kd3** Bxd7 would now be deadly. **59...Nf5 60.Kd2 Be8 61.Kd3 Bd7 62.Kd2 Be8 63.Ke2 Nd4+ 64.Kd3 Nf5 65.Ke2 Bd7 66.Kf3 Be8 67.Ke4 Bd7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless) **68.Kf3**
½-½

90 **C51**
□ **ProteusSF-Turbo** **3011**
■ **admete_bot** **2449**
Rapid 11.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C51: Evans Gambit: Declined and Accepted without 5...Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Be7 6.d4 Na5 7.Be2 exd4 8.Qxd4 Nf6 9.e5!** White has compensation. **9...Nc6 10.Qh4 Nd5** The position is equal. **11.Qg3 Kf8 12.0-0 d6** 0.80/21
[12...h5!= 0.01/20 remains equal. 13.h4 d6 14.Rd1 Nb6 15.Na3 Bg4 16.Bf4 d5 17.Nb5 Bxh4 18.Nxh4 Bxe2 19.c4 Bxc4 20.a4 a6 21.Nf5 Rh7 22.Nxc7 Qxc7 23.e6 Qd8 24.Bg5 f6 25.Bh6 gxh6 26.Qg6 Qc7 27.a5 Ne5 1-0 Bergsaker (2219)-Haslinger,S (2247) Moscow (rapid) 61/(487) 1994]
13.Rd1↑ 0.29/22 White is pushing.
[13.c4± 0.80/21 Nb6 14.Rd1]
13...Be6 1.30/21
[13...Nb6= 0.29/22]
14.c4± Ndb4N 2.68/19
[14...Nb6± 1.29/20 keeps fighting. 15.c5 Nd5 16.cxd6 cxd6 17.Bc4 Nc7 18.exd6 Bf6 19.Bg5 Bxc4 20.Na3 Be2 21.dxc7 Qc8 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Re1 Bxf3 24.Qxf3 Qxc7 25.Nb5 Qa5 26.Qxf6 Rg8 27.Qd6+ Kg7 28.Re3 Qd8 29.Qf4 Kh8 1-0 Csom,E (2521)-Virgillito,C (2191) Chapter 2 (3) (6) 30.Nd6]
15.Bb2+- Nc2? 3.85/24
[15...Na6 2.09/18 16.exd6 Bf6

17.Bxf6 Qxf6]
16.exd6! Bf6 17.dxc7 Qe7



18.Nc3! Nxa1 19.Bxa1 h5? 5.05/24
[19...Qe8 3.11/18 20.Ng5 Bf5]
20.Nd5 Bxd5 21.cxd5 Qxe2 22.Re1 Qxa2 9.68/27
[22...Qc4 3.96/23]
23.Qd6+ Kg8 24.dxc6 Qa6 25.Bxf6 gxf6 26.cxb7 Black is weak on the dark squares
[26.Qxf6 Qxc6 27.Qg5+ Qg6+-]
26...Qxb7 27.Nd4 Hoping for Nf5!.
[Not 27.Qxf6 Qxc7 28.Ne5 Rc8±]
27...Qb6 28.Qd7 Qa5 Repels Nf5
29.Rc1 Kg7 30.Ne6+
[30.c8B Rhxc8 31.Rf1 *(31.Ne6+? Kh6-+)* 31...Qe5 32.Nf5+ Kf8-+]
30...Kg6 31.Qd3+
[31.c8B? loses. Raxc8 *(31...fxe6 32.Bb7∓)* 32.Qd3+ *(32.Nf4+? Kh6-+)* 32...Qf5 33.Qg3+ *(33.Qxf5+ Kxf5-+)* 33...Qg4 34.Nf4+ Kh6-+]
31...Kh6 32.Qe3+ Kh7

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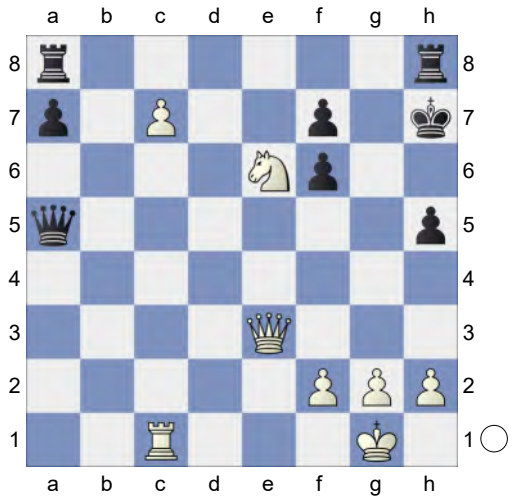

33.Qe4+! Kh6 34.Qf4+ Kh7 35.Qxf6 Rhg8 Prevents Qg7+ **36.Qxf7+ Kh8 37.Qf6+ Kh7 38.Rd1 Qb5 39.h4 Qe8 40.Rd6 Rg4 41.Ng5+ Kg8 42.Rd8** Intending Qg6+ and mate. Pin **42...Rxg5 43.Qxg5+** KQR-KQR. White is two pawns up. **43...Kf8 44.Qf6+ Kg8 45.Qg6+** Pin **45...Kh8 46.Qxe8+ Kg7 47.Rd7+ Kf6 48.Rf7+ Kg6** Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.80
49.Qe6#
1-0

91 **C52**
□ **caissa-x** **3010**
■ **lc0_1shot** **2565**
Rapid 09.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 15min+1sec C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Qe7** The position is equal.
[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5

18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]

[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]

11.Ba3 f6 12.Bb5+N

[12.Rab1 Bd7 13.Bb4 Rb8 14.a4 Nh6 15.Bd5 c6 16.Ba2 Nf7 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.Nf1 Bc7 19.Ne3 Be6 20.d5 Bd7 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Qd3 Nb7 23.Ba3 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Nc4 Rfd8 26.Qe3 Qxc4 0-1 Zapolskis,A (2257)-Johnson,D (2211) London Mindsports IM 2022 (2)]

12...Bd7 0.34/20

[12...c6= -0.21/21 13.Bd3 Bd7]

13.Rfb1⩲ Nh6 0.48/21

[13...Rc8= 0.08/19 is more appropriate.]

14.Bxd7+! Qxd7 15.Bb4! Nc6 16.a4! a6 17.Nc4! White leaves nothing to chance now. **17...Ba7** 1.06/20

[Better is 17...Nf7!⩲ 0.46/18]

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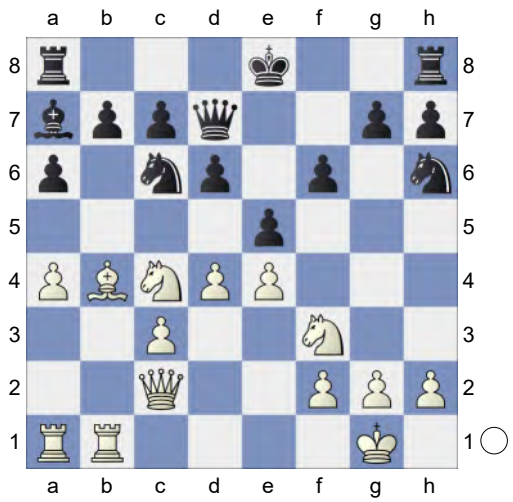
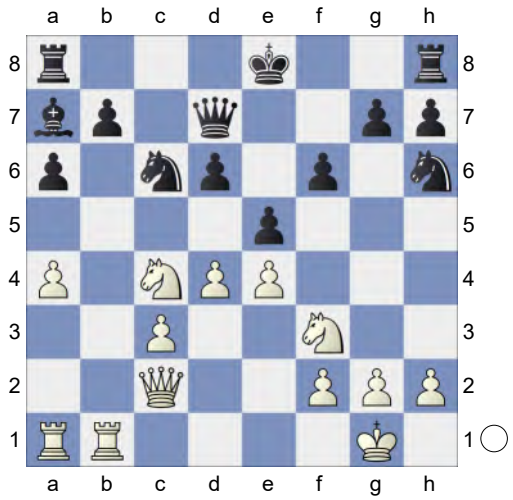


18.Bxd6!± Discovered Attack **18...cxd6**



19.Rxb7! Decoy **19...Qd8** ...0-0 would now be deadly.

[But not 19...Qe6? 20.d5+-]

20.Rxg7 Kf8 21.Rb7 White is much more active. **21...Rg8 22.Rxh7 Nf7 23.Qb3 Qe8** 5.56/19

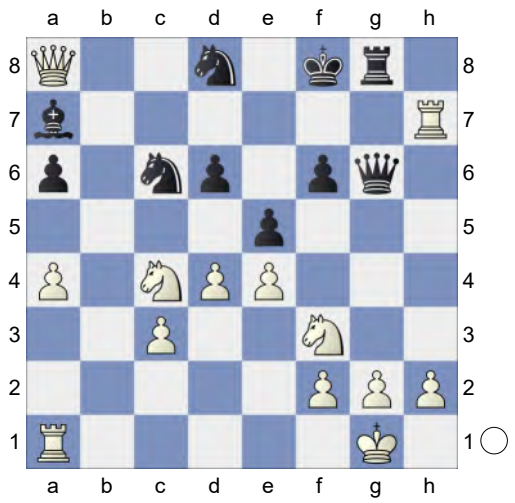
[23...Rg7± 0.96/22 is a better chance. 24.Rxg7 Kxg7]

24.Qb7+- Nfd8 9.28/22

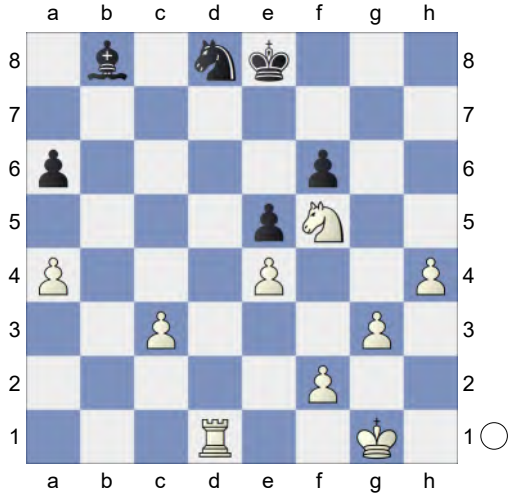
[⌓24...Rd8 4.81/21 25.d5 *(25.Qxa6 Qd7=; 25.Rxf7+ Qxf7 26.Qxc6 Rg7+-)* 25...Bxf2+ 26.Kxf2 Ne7]

25.Qxa8 Qg6

(Diagram)

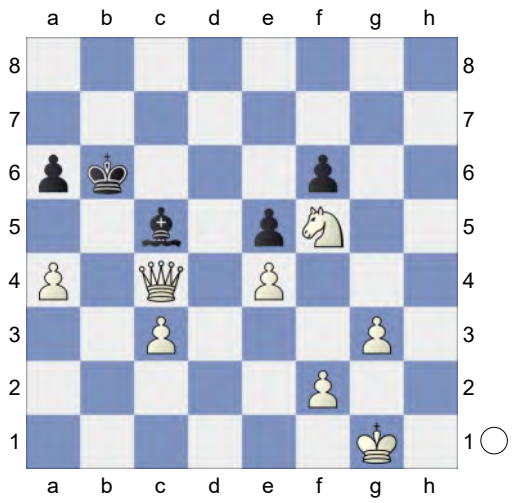


26.Ng5! Qxg5 27.g3
[27.Rxa7? Qxg2#]
27...Rg7 28.Rh8+ Skewer **28...Rg8 29.Rxg8+ Qxg8 30.d5 Qh7 31.dxc6 Qc7 32.Rd1 Qb8 33.Qxb8 Bxb8 34.Nxd6 Nxc6** Endgame KRN-KBN **35.Nf5** And now h4 would win. **35...Ke8 36.h4 Nd8**



37.Rxd8+! Kxd8 KB-KN. White is 3 pawns up. **38.h5 Bd6 39.h6 Kc7 40.h7 Bc5 41.h8Q Ba3 42.Qg8 Bc5 43.Qc4 Kb6**

(Diagram)



44.a5+! Kc6 45.Qd5+ Kc7 46.Qxc5+ Kd7 47.Kg2 Kd8 48.Qe7+ Kc8 49.Nd6+ Kb8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=1.38
50.Qb7#
1-0

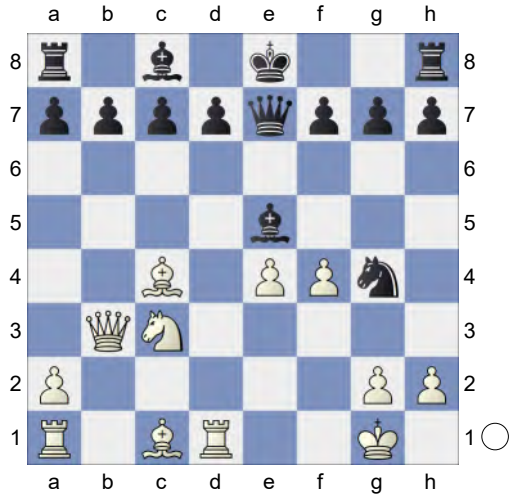
92 **C52**
□ **ProteusSF-Open** **3008**
■ **Cheng-4** **2461**
Rapid 17.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 0.24/20
[6...d6 -0.20/21 was preferable.]
7.Qb3!= Qe7 8.0-0 Bb6
[8...Qxe4? 9.Bxf7+ *(9.Re1 Qxe1+ 10.Nxe1 Nge7+-)* 9...Kd8 10.Ng5+- *(10.Bxg8 h6+-; 10.Re1 Qxe1+ 11.Nxe1 Nge7+-)*]
9.cxd4! The position is equal. **9...Nxd4**
[9...Qxe4? 10.Re1+- *(10.Bxf7+ Kf8+-)*]
10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Nc3! Nf6 12.Rd1N White has compensation. White is more active.
[12.Nb5 d5 13.exd5 Bxa1 14.Ba3

Qe5 15.f4 Bd4+ 16.Kh1 Qe3 17.Nxd4 Qxb3 18.Re1+ Kd8 19.Be7+ Kd7 20.Nxb3 c6 21.d6 b6 22.Bxf7 c5 23.Nd2 Kc6 24.Nc4 Bf5 25.Ne5+ Kb7 26.a4 h5 Gaujens,A-Azmaiparshvili,Z X Open Salou ESP 2008 27.Bxf6 gxf6 28.Bd5+ Ka6 29.Bc4+ Kb7 30.Bd5+ Ka6 31.Bc4+ Kb7 ½-½ Pink,J (2701)-Payet,A (2626) San Bernardino op 1989 (8)]

[12.Ba3 d6 13.Rad1 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Qe5 15.Qc1 *(15.Qxe5+ dxe5 16.f4 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.fxe5 Nd7 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Bd6 Kd8 21.Ba3 Ke8 22.Bd6 Kd8 23.Ba3 Ke8 24.Bd6* ½-½ Kovalevskaya,E (2486)-Stefanova,A (2497) EU-Cup (Women) 07th 2002 (4.2)*)* 15...0-0 16.Bb2 Qe7 17.e5 Ne8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.exd6 Nxd6 20.Bb3 Rfe8 21.Rd3 Nf5 22.Rf3 Nh4 23.Rfe3 Nf5 24.Rf3 ½-½ Jirk,J (2383)-Advance Caro-Kann: Short Vari,6 (2451) 154/(201) Istanbul 2022]

12...Be5 13.f4 White stays focused until the end. **13...Ng4** 1.55/26



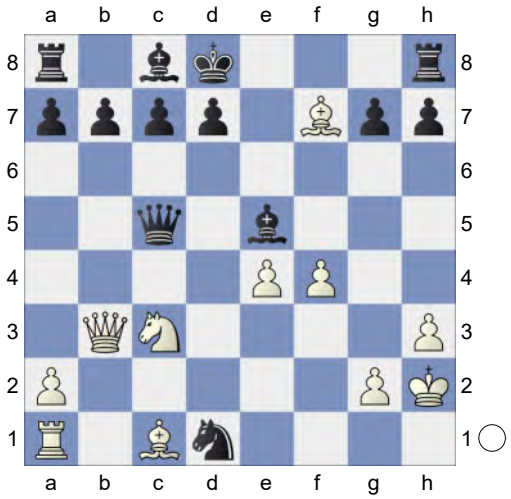
14.h3!±

[14.fxe5 Qc5+]

[14.Ba3 Qh4 15.fxe5 *(15.Bxf7+? Kd8-+)* 15...Qxh2+ 16.Kf1 Qh1+ *(16...Qxe5? 17.Bxf7+ Kd8 18.Nd5±)* 17.Ke2 Qxg2+ 18.Kd3 Nxe5+ 19.Ke3 Qg5+ 20.Kf2 Qf4+ 21.Kg2 Qg4+ 22.Kf2 Qf4+ 23.Kg2 Qf3+ 24.Kg1 Qg3+ 25.Kf1 d6-+]

14...Qc5+ 15.Kh1 Active counter play!

15...Nf2+ 16.Kh2 Nxd1 Pin **17.Bxf7+ Kd8**



18.Nd5 Bd6 ...Rf8! is the strong threat.

19.e5! Bf8 6.34/22

[19...c6± 1.33/22]

20.f5!+-

[20.Qxd1 c6=]

20...h6 Prevents Bg5+. **21.Bf4**

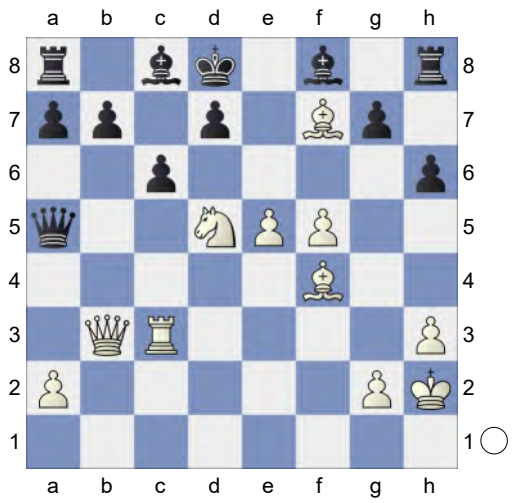
[21.Qxd1 c6=]

21...c6 9.66/23 **22.Rc1 Nc3 23.Rxc3**

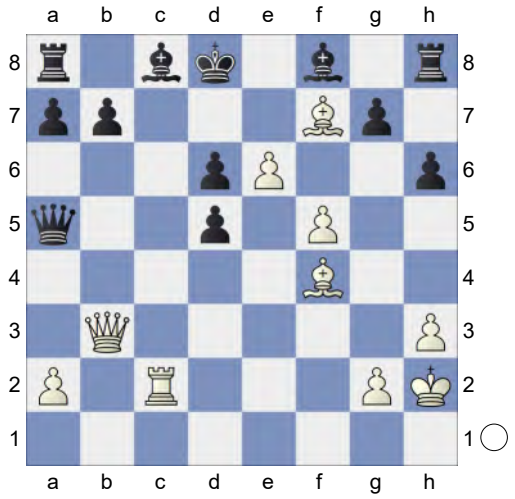
[Stronger than 23.Qxc3 Qxc3 24.Nxc3 a5∓]

23...Qa5

(Diagram)



24.e6! cxd5
[24...d6 25.Ne3]
25.Rc2 Hoping for Qg3. **25...d6**

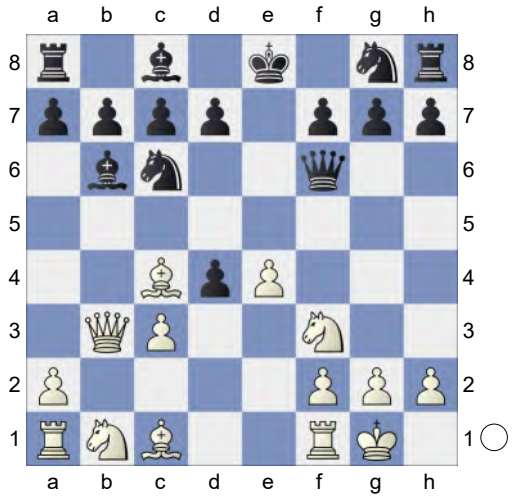


26.f6! Rh7
[26...gxf6 27.Bd2]
27.e7+ Bxe7 28.fxe7+ Kxe7 29.Bg6 White threatens Qe3+ and mate.
[29.Qxd5 Qxd5 30.Bxd5 Kd8∓]
29...Rh8 30.Qg3
[Weaker is 30.Bd2 Qb6 31.Qg3 Be6=]
30...Be6 31.Bxd6+ Kd7 32.Rc7+ Qxc7 33.Bxc7 This pair of bishops is nice. **33...Ke7 34.Be5 Bf7 35.Qa3+ Ke8 36.Qa4+** Deflection **36...Kd8 37.Bf5 Ke7 38.Qb4+ Ke8 39.Bd6** White mates. **39...Be6 40.Qxb7 Kd8**

41.Qe7+ Kc8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=1.33
42.Bxe6#
1-0

93 **C52**
□ **ProteusSF-lite** **3008**
■ **admete_bot** **2415**
Rapid 17.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 7.Qb3 Qf6 8.0-0! Bb6

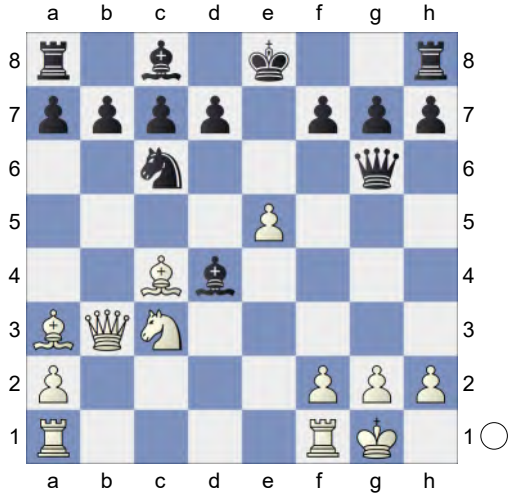


9.e5! The position is equal. **9...Qg6**
10.cxd4 Nxd4
[10...Na5 11.Qc3 Nxc4 12.Qxc4 Ne7 13.Ba3 ½-½ Vasquez Bonifacio, L (2747)-Novy,M (2686) ROM-chT Romania 1994 (3.1)]
11.Nxd4 Bxd4 12.Nc3! Ne7N Threatens to win with ...0-0!.
[12...Bxe5? 13.Re1 d6 14.f4+-]
[12...b6 13.Bd5 c6 14.Bf3 Qe6 15.Nd5 cxd5 16.Bxd5 Qxe5 17.Rb1 Ba6 18.Bxa8 Bxf1 19.Kxf1 Ne7 20.Ba3 0-0 21.Re1 Qf6 22.Bf3 d6 23.Qa4 Ng6 24.Re2 a5 25.Qc6 Rd8

26.Re8+ Rxe8 27.Qxe8+ 0-1 Kurmann,O (2450)-Karpov,A (2616) Trans Europa Schach Express rapid 2012 (3.7)]

13.Ba3 White has compensation. Loses the game. **13...Nc6?** 4.10/19

[13...b6= 0.11/21 and Black stays safe.]



14.Nb5!+- Bb6 15.Rad1= Na5 4.58/19

[⚆15...h5 3.26/18 16.Bd5 *(16.Bd6 Na5=)* 16...h4 *(16...Nxe5? 17.Qc3+-; 16...a6? 17.Nd6+* Deflection *cxd6 18.Qxb6+-)*]

16.Qa4

[Weaker is 16.Qb4 c5 *(16...Nc6 17.Qb3=)* 17.Qc3 Nxc4 18.Qxc4 0-0=]

16...Nc6 4.69/18

[16...Nxc4 3.33/18 17.Qxc4 Kd8 *(17...Qc6? 18.Qh4+-)*]

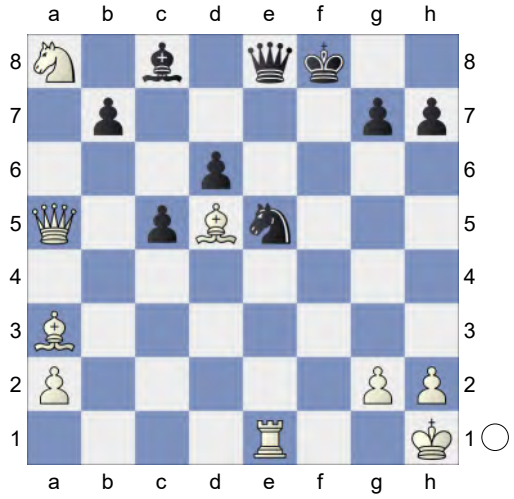
17.Bd5 Qh5 5.74/18

[17...h5 3.94/18 might work better. 18.Bc5 Bxc5 19.Nxc7+ Kf8]

18.Kh1 a6 19.Nc3 Rg8 20.f4 a5 21.f5 Hoping for e6!. **21...Rh8 22.e6 fxe6 23.fxe6 Ne5 24.e7** White wants to mate with Rf8+. **24...c5 25.Rde1** 12.69/23

[⚆25.Qb5 32.56/25 Ng4 26.h3 *(26.Qxb6? Qxh2#; 26.Bf7+ Qxf7 27.Qxb6 Qxe7+-)*]

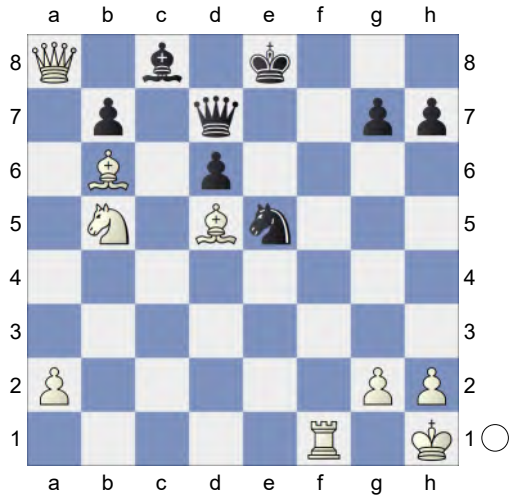
25...Bc7 26.Nb5 Kxe7 27.Nxc7 d6 28.Nxa8 Rf8 29.Rxf8 Kxf8 30.Qxa5 Qe8



31.Bxc5! Qe7

[31...Qd7 32.Rxe5]

32.Rf1+ Ke8 33.Nc7+ Kd7 34.Bb6 Kd8 35.Nb5+ Ke8 36.Qa8 Qd7



37.Nxd6+! Ke7 38.Nxc8+ Qxc8 39.Qxc8 Nd7 40.Bc7 g6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/Black=1.65

41.Qd8#

1-0

94 **C52**
□ **Intron014** **3004**
■ **Nikitosik-ai** **2984**
Rapid 11.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Qe7**

[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]

[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]

11.Ba3 f6 12.Bb5+N -0.35/19

[12.Bd5= 0.01/17]

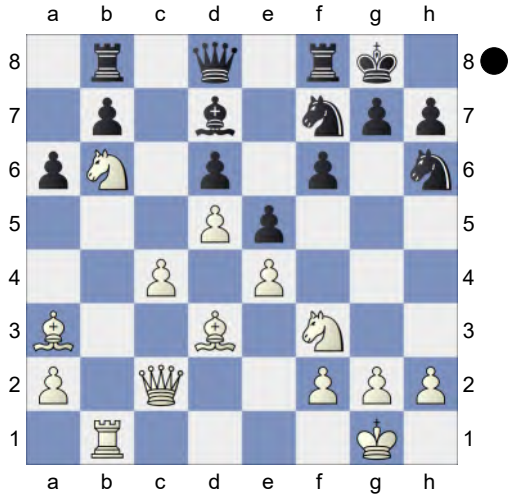
[12.Rab1 Bd7 13.Bb4 Rb8 14.a4 Nh6 15.Bd5 c6 16.Ba2 Nf7 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.Nf1 Bc7 19.Ne3 Be6 20.d5 Bd7 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Qd3 Nb7 23.Ba3 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Nc4 Rfd8 26.Qe3 Qxc4 0-1 Zapolskis,A (2257)-Johnson,D (2211) London Mindsports IM 2022 (2)]

12...Bd7 0.33/19

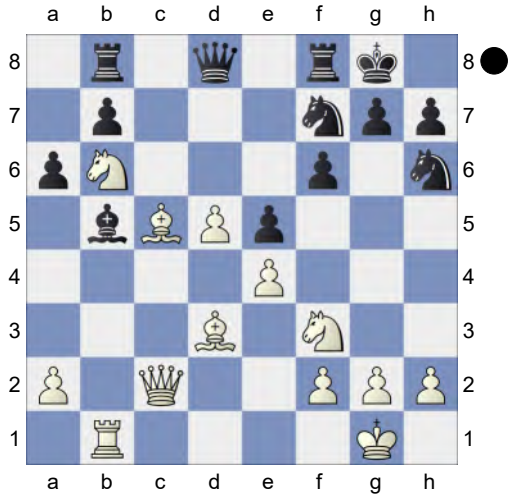
[12...c6!∓ -0.35/19 13.Bd3 Bg4]

13.Rfb1± White has compensation.

13...a6 14.Bd3 Nh6! 15.Bb4 Nc6 16.Ba3 Rb8 17.d5 Nd8 18.Rxb6! cxb6 19.Nc4! Ndf7 20.Nxb6 The position is equal. **20...Qd8 21.Rb1 0-0! 22.c4**

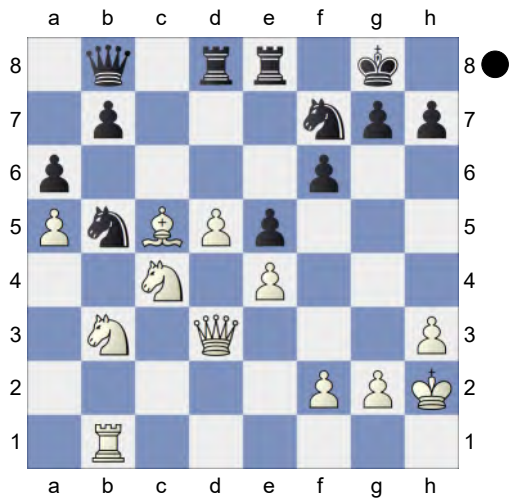


Wards off Bb5 **22...Bb5! 23.c5 dxc5 24.Bxc5**



Bxd3 25.Qxd3 Nd6! 26.Nd2⇄ White is fighting back **26...Nhf7 27.a4 Re8 28.h3! Qc7 29.Nb3 Rbd8 30.a5 Nb5 31.Nc4 Qb8 32.Kh2**

(Diagram)



f5! 33.f3 h6 34.Bb6 Rc8 35.Nc5
[35.exf5? e4+-+]
35...Re7 Dodges d6. Hoping for ...Rec7!.
36.Rc1
[36.exf5? e4+-+]
36...Nfd6 37.Nxd6
[37.exf5? e4 38.Nxe4 Nxc4+-+ *(38...Rxc4? 39.Rxc4 Nxc4+ 40.Kg1-+)*]
37...Nxd6
[37...Qxd6?! 38.Nxb7 *(38.exf5? e4+* Discovered Attack (Check) *39.Kg1 exd3-+)* 38...Qd7 39.Rxc8+ *(39.Nc5 fxe4 40.Qxe4 Qe8±)* 39...Qxc8 40.Nc5 fxe4 41.fxe4± *(41.Nxe4 Rf7±)*]
38.Rd1
[38.exf5? e4 39.fxe4 Nxe4+ 40.g3 Qe5-+]
38...fxe4 39.fxe4 Rce8 40.Ne6 Rf7 41.Bc5 Nb5 42.Qg3 Hoping for Rf1!.
42...Qc8! 43.Be3
[43.Qxe5? loses. Qxc5-+]
43...Rxe6 44.dxe6 Qxe6 45.Rd5 Re7 46.Bc5 Re8 47.Qf3

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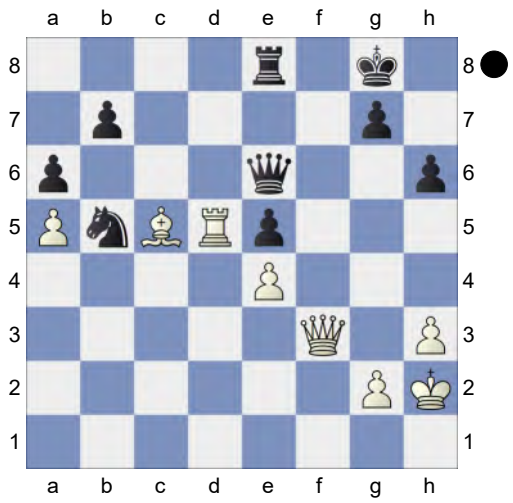

Nd4! 48.Bxd4 exd4= Endgame KQR-KQR. Black is a pawn up. **49.e5 b5 50.axb6 Qxb6 51.Qf4 a5 52.Rxd4 Qb5 53.Re4 Re6 54.Re3 Qd5 55.Re1 Kh7 56.Qe3 a4 57.Qe4+ Qxe4 58.Rxe4** KR-KR **58...a3 59.Ra4**
[59.h4 looks sharper. Ra6 60.e6 a2 61.e7]
59...Rxe5 60.Rxa3 Rb5 61.Ra8 h5 62.Kg3 Rb3+ 63.Kh4 g6 64.Ra7+ Kh6 65.Ra6 Rb4+ 66.g4 Re4 67.Rb6 Rd4 68.Kg3 Rd5 69.gxh5 Rxh5 70.h4 Ra5 71.h5 Rxh5 72.Rb1 g5 73.Rb7 g4 74.Rd7 Rh1 75.Rd4 Ra1 76.Rd7 Rb1 77.Rd2 Ra1 78.Re2 Rb1 79.Re3 Ra1 80.Kh2 g3+ 81.Kh3 g2 82.Re6+ Kg5 83.Kxg2 Rb1 84.Kh3 Ra1 85.Re2 Rb1 86.Rc2 Ra1 87.Re2 Rb1 88.Kg2 Ra1 89.Kf3 Rb1 90.Rd2 Ra1 91.Kf2 Rb1 92.Rc2 Ra1 93.Rc4 Rb1 94.Ra4 Rc1 95.Ra5+ Kf4 96.Ra4+ Ke5 97.Ra2 Rb1 98.Ra8 Rc1 99.Ra5+ Kd4 100.Kg2 Rb1 101.Ra2 Rc1 102.Kh3 Rb1 103.Ra7 Rc1 104.Rg7 Ra1 105.Rg8 Rb1 106.Kg2 Ra1 107.Rg7 Rb1 108.Rd7+ Kc3 109.Kf2 Ra1 110.Ke3 Rb1 111.Rd2 Ra1 112.Rd4 Rb1 113.Re4 Ra1 114.Rd4 Rb1 115.Rd5 Ra1 An even fight not without its subleties.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
116.Rd4
½-½

95 **C51**
□ **ProteusSF-Open** **3002**
■ **admete_bot** **2345**
Rapid 22.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bb6 5.a4 a6 6.d3 Nf6 7.c3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 Be6N**
[9...Ne7 10.a5 Ba7 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.Rxe3 Ng6 13.d4 Bd7 14.Qb3 Ng4 15.Re1 Kh8 16.h3 Nh6 17.Nbd2 Qf6 18.Re3 Nf4 19.Nf1 g5 20.dxe5 dxe5 21.Rd1 Bxh3 22.gxh3 Nxh3+ 23.Kg2 g4 24.Ng3 0-1 Leconte,J-Miles,E Jugoslavija 76/203 1999]
[9...h6 10.h3 Ne7 11.d4 exd4 12.a5 Ba7 13.cxd4 d5 14.e5 Ne4 15.Bd3 Bf5 16.Na3 f6 17.exf6 Rxf6 18.Be3 c6 19.g4 Nc3 20.Qc2 Bxd3 21.Qxc3 Rxf3 22.Qxd3 Qd6 0-1 Bacrot,E (2594)-Almasi,Z (2676) Szeged m 2000 (3)]
10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Nbd2 Ng4 White has an edge. **12.Re2 d5** 1.38/20
[12...h6= 0.27/20 remains equal.]
13.h3 0.98/20
[⊼13.Ba3 1.38/20]
13...Nxf2 1.73/18
[13...Nf6± 0.98/20]
14.Rxf2+- Bxf2+ 15.Kxf2 d4 2.12/20
[15...Ne7± 1.42/17 16.Kg1 Ng6]

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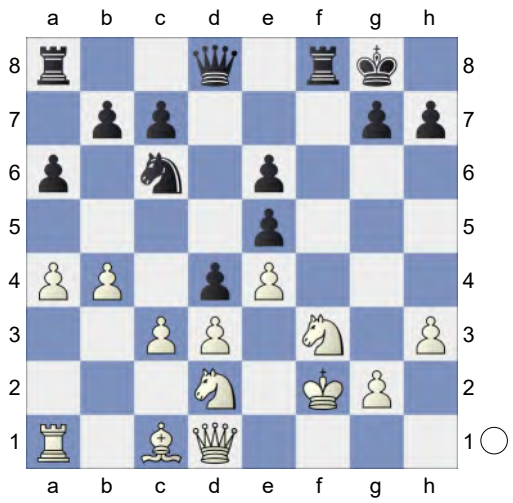
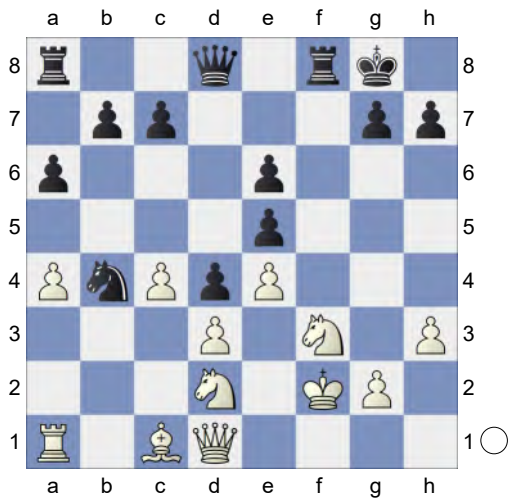


16.c4! Nxb4

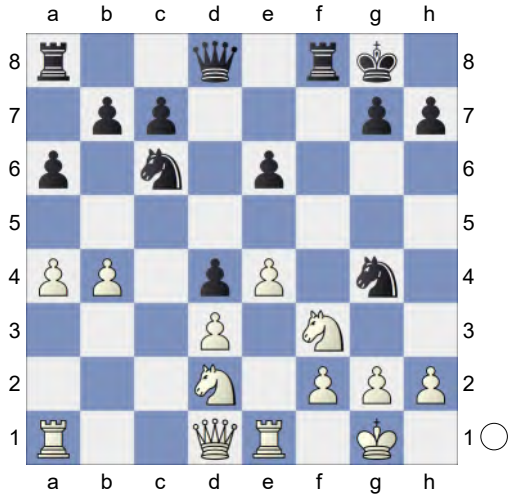


17.Qb3 c5 And now ...Qg5 would win.
18.Kg1 White has strong compensation.
18...Qd6 2.18/22
[⊼18...h6 1.71/20 19.a5 *(19.Nxe5 Qc7±)* 19...Qc7]
19.Ba3 a5 2.33/22
[19...b6 1.74/20 20.Nh2 Qd8]
20.Nh2 Qc7 2.82/21
[20...Ra6 1.88/22 21.Ndf3 Rb6]
21.Ndf3 Rf6 3.08/22
[21...h6 2.08/21 22.Qd1 b6]
22.Qd1 Raf8 23.Bc1
[23.Ng4 Rxf3 24.gxf3 h5±]
23...b6 24.Bg5 Rg6 25.Qe2 Nc6 26.Rb1 Nb4 27.Bh4 Nc6 28.Ng4 h5 29.Ngh2 Nb4 30.Rf1 Qd6 5.20/21

[30...Rh6 3.68/20 was worth a try. 31.Kh1 Rg6]
31.Kh1 Nc6 32.Bg5 Nd8 33.Bd2 Nc6 34.Rb1 Qd8 35.h4 Qc7 36.Bg5 Prevents Rgf6.
[Not 36.Ng5 Nb4 37.Qxh5 Rh6±]
36...Nb4 37.g4 hxg4 38.Nxg4 Nc6 39.Rg1 Qd6 40.Qg2 Qc7 41.h5 Rxg5 42.Nxg5 Excellent horsemanship.
42...Qe7 43.Nf3 Kh7 44.h6 g5 45.Qh3 Kh8 46.Ngh2 Rg8 47.Qh5 Qe8 48.Qxe8 Rxe8 49.Nxg5 Rf8 Dodges Nf7+ **50.Ng4 Rf4 51.Nxe6 Rf7 52.Kg2** Threatens to win with Ng5.
52...Kg8 53.Kh3 Kh8 54.Kg3 Kg8 55.Kh4 Kh8 56.Kh5 Rf3 57.Ng5 Rf8 58.Rb1 Rb8 59.Rf1 Intending h7 and mate. **59...Ne7 60.Rf7** White mates.
60...Nd5 61.cxd5 Rc8 62.Nf6 Rf8 Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=1.05 **63.Rxf8#**
1-0

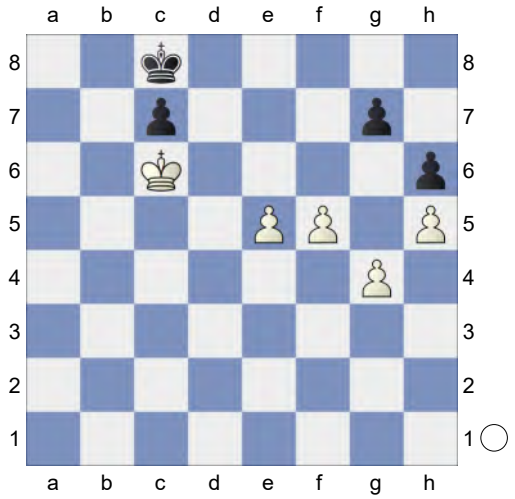
96 **C51**
□ **ProteusSF-lite** **3002**
■ **admete_bot** **2444**
Rapid 09.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bb6 5.a4 a6 6.d3 Nf6 7.c3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 Be6N**
[9...Ne7 10.a5 Ba7 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.Rxe3 Ng6 13.d4 Bd7 14.Qb3 Ng4 15.Re1 Kh8 16.h3 Nh6 17.Nbd2 Qf6 18.Re3 Nf4 19.Nf1 g5 20.dxe5 dxe5 21.Rd1 Bxh3 22.gxh3 Nxh3+ 23.Kg2 g4 24.Ng3 0-1 Leconte,J-Miles,E Jugoslavija 76/203 1999]
[9...h6 10.h3 Ne7 11.d4 exd4 12.a5 Ba7 13.cxd4 d5 14.e5 Ne4 15.Bd3 Bf5 16.Na3 f6 17.exf6 Rxf6 18.Be3 c6 19.g4 Nc3 20.Qc2 Bxd3 21.Qxc3 Rxf3 22.Qxd3 Qd6 0-1 Bacrot,E (2594)-Almasi,Z (2676) Szeged m 2000 (3)]
10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Be3 Bxe3 White has an edge. **12.Rxe3 d5 13.Nbd2! d4 14.cxd4 exd4 15.Re1** Hoping for b5. **15...Ng4** 1.28/20
[15...Nd7± 0.34/19]



16.h3!± Nge5 17.b5↑ Keeping Black busy. **17...axb5 18.axb5 Rxa1 19.Qxa1** This costs Black the game.
19...Nxd3? 3.82/24
[19...Nxf3+± 0.92/23 20.Nxf3 Nb4]
20.bxc6+- Nxe1 21.Nxe1
[Not 21.Qxe1 bxc6 22.Ne5 *(22.Nb3 Qd6±)* 22...c5±]
21...bxc6 22.Nd3 Qd6 5.19/24
[⌓22...h6 3.54/20 23.Nc4 Kh7]
23.Qa4 Rb8 24.g3 c5 25.Nc4 Wards off Qb6 **25...Qf8 26.Kg2** Inhibits Qf3+. **26...Rd8 27.Nce5 Qd6 28.h4 h6 29.h5 Kh7 30.Nf7** A dynamic duo of knights. **30...Qd7 31.Qxd7 Rxd7 32.Nfe5**
[32.Nxc5? Rxf7 33.f4 e5 34.fxe5 g6

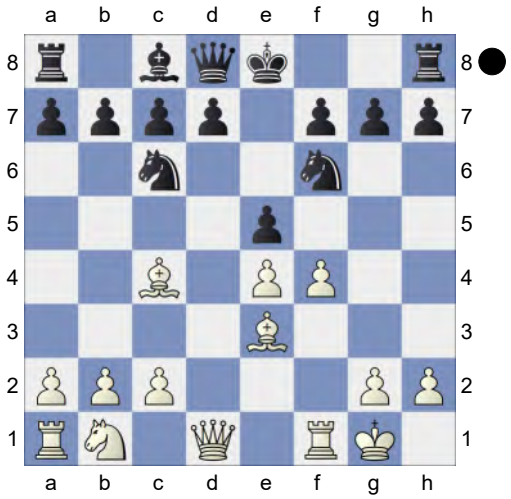
35.hxg6+ Kxg6-+]
32...Rd8 33.Nxc5 Kg8 34.Ned3
[34.Nxe6? Re8 35.Nxc7 Rxe5-+]
34...Kf7 35.e5 Ra8 36.Kf3 Ra2 37.Ke4 Ra5 38.Kxd4 Ra1 39.f3 Rg1 40.g4 Rf1 41.Ke3 Rb1 42.Nf4 Rb6 43.Nfxe6 Rxe6 44.Nxe6 Kxe6
Endgame KP-KP. White is a pawn up.
45.Ke4 Ke7 46.Kd5 Kd7 47.f4 Ke7 48.Kc6 Kd8 49.f5 Kc8



50.g5! Kd8
[50...hxg5 51.f6]
51.g6 Ke8 52.f6 gxf6 53.exf6
K3P-KPP. White is a pawn up.
[53.Kxc7? too greedy. fxe5 54.Kd6 e4-+]
53...Kf8 54.Kd7 White wants to mate with f7!. **54...c5 55.f7** White mates.
55...c4 56.Ke6 c3 57.Kf6 c2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=1.09 **58.g7#**
1-0

97 **C55**
□ **xshashx** **3001**
■ **Nikitosik-ai** **3011**
Blitz 26.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

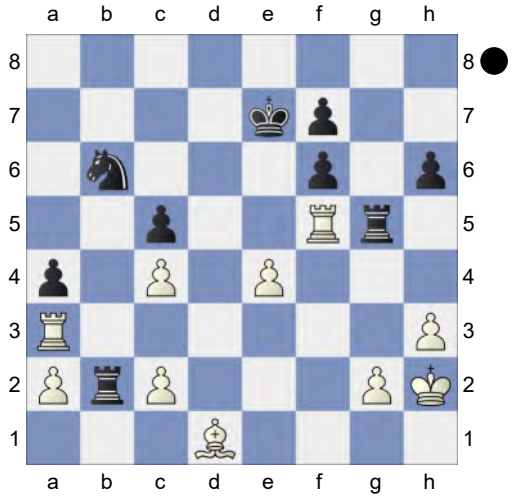
Blitz 3min+1sec C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Be3 Nc6 8.f4**



Qe7 Black is slightly better.
[8...exf4 9.Bxf4 d6 10.Bb5 Bd7 11.Bg5 Ne5 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Bxd7+ Qxd7 14.Nc3 0-0-0 15.Nd5 h5 16.Qd4 Kb8 17.Nxf6 Qc6 18.c3 h4 19.h3 Rh6 20.Rf5 Qb5 21.Rd1 Rc8 22.b3 Rg6 23.Rd2 1-0 Predke,A (2673)-Eljanov,P (2706) ITA-chT GpA 55th 2024 (6.1)]
9.Bd5N
[9.Nc3 d6 10.f5 Bd7 11.Bg5 Qf8 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nd5 0-0-0 14.b4 Qh6 15.a4 Rde8 16.Rf3 Ne7 17.Nxe7+ Rxe7 18.b5 Kb8 19.a5 Bc8 20.b6 Rd8 21.bxc7+ Rxc7 22.Bd5 Qf8 23.Rb3 Rc5 1-0 Maldonado Gonzales,S (1638)-Ramirez Pereales,J (1514) ch M/ME-63 corr 1963 (3) 24.a6 Rd7 25.axb7 Bxb7 26.Qb1 Qc8 27.Qa2 a5

28.Rab1 Rcc7 29.c4 Qe8 30.Qxa5 Qe7 31.Ra3 Rc8 32.Rxb7+ Rxb7 33.Qa8+ Kc7 34.Qxb7+ Kd8 35.Qxc8+ Kxc8 36.Ra8+ Kc7 37.Ra7+ Kd8 38.Rxe7 Kxe7 1-0 David,S (1638)-Pilonieta Forero,A (1514) COL-ch U18 Bogota 2023 (3)]

9...exf4 10.Bxf4 d6 11.Nc3 Ne5 12.Qd4 a5 13.Bg5 c6 next ...b5! is good for Black. **14.Rad1 h6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Kh1 Rg8 17.Bb3 Bg4 18.Rd2 Rg5 19.h3 Bh5 20.Qxd6 Qxd6 21.Rxd6 Nd7 22.Bc4 Ke7 23.Rd4 b5 24.Be2 b4 25.Bxh5 bxc3 26.Bg4 Ne5 27.bxc3 Rb8** The position is equal. **28.Ra4 Rb2 29.Bd1 Nd7 30.Kh2 Nb6 31.Ra3 a4 32.Rf5 c5 33.c4**



Deflection **33...Nxc4 34.Rxa4 Ne3 35.Ra7+ Ke6 36.Ra6+ Ke7 37.Ra7+ Kd6 38.Ra6+ Kc7 39.Rxg5 fxg5=** Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **40.Bf3 Rxc2 41.e5 Kd7 42.a4 c4 43.Rxh6 Ra2 44.Rc6 Rxa4 45.Rc5** Black must now prevent Bc6+. **45...Ra3 46.Bg4+ Nxg4+ 47.hxg4** KR-KR **47...Ra4 48.Kg1 Ke6 49.Kf2 Ra2+ 50.Kf3 Ra4 51.Ke4 c3+ 52.Kf3 Ra3 53.Ke4 Ra4+ 54.Kf3 Ra3 55.Kg3 Rb3 56.Kf2 Rb2+ 57.Kg3 Rc2 58.Kf3 Rc1 59.Kg3 Kd7 60.Kh3 Rh1+ 61.Kg3 Rc1 62.Kf3 Ke7 63.Rc7+ Kd8 64.Rc4 Kd7 65.Ke2 c2 66.Kf2** Dodges Rg1 **66...Ke6 67.Rc5 f6 68.exf6 Kxf6 69.Ke3 Re1+ 70.Kd2 Rg1 71.Kxc2 Rxg2+ 72.Kd1 Rxg4 73.Rc6+ Ke5** and ...Re4 should not be overlooked **74.Rc8 Rg1+ 75.Ke2 g4 76.Rh8 g3 77.Rh5+ Kd4**

[77...Kf4!? 78.Rh4+□ Kg5=]

78.Rh3 g2 79.Rd3+ Kc4 (→ ...Re1+!) **80.Kf2 Kxd3**

[80...Rb1!? 81.Rg3□ g1R 82.Rxg1 Rxg1 83.Kxg1=]

81.Kxg1 Kc2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.00 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless) **82.Kxg2**

½-½

98 **C52**

□ **ProteusSF-Turbo** **3000**

■ **pawn_git** **2527**

Rapid 26.07.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 7.Qb3 Qe7 8.0-0 Bb6

[8...Qxe4? 9.Bxf7+ *(9.Re1 Qxe1+ 10.Nxe1 Nf6+-)* 9...Kf8 10.Re1+-]

9.cxd4! The position is equal. **9...Nxd4**

[9...Qxe4? 10.Re1+- *(10.Bxf7+ Kf8+-)*]

10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Nc3! Nf6 12.Rd1N White has compensation. White is more active.

[12.Nb5 d5 13.exd5 Bxa1 14.Ba3 Qe5 15.f4 Bd4+ 16.Kh1 Qe3 17.Nxd4 Qxb3 18.Re1+ Kd8 19.Be7+ Kd7 20.Nxb3 c6 21.d6 b6 22.Bxf7 c5 23.Nd2 Kc6 24.Nc4 Bf5 25.Ne5+ Kb7 26.a4 h5 Gaujens,A-

Azmaiparshvili,Z X Open Salou ESP 2008 27.Bxf6 gxf6 28.Bd5+ Ka6 29.Bc4+ Kb7 30.Bd5+ Ka6 31.Bc4+ Kb7 ½-½ Pink,J (2701)-Payet,A (2626) San Bernardino op 1989 (8)]

[12.Ba3 d6 13.Rad1 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Qe5 15.Qc1 *(15.Qxe5+ dxe5 16.f4 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.fxe5 Nd7 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Bd6 Kd8 21.Ba3 Ke8 22.Bd6 Kd8 23.Ba3 Ke8 24.Bd6* ½-½ Kovalevskaya,E (2486)-Stefanova,A (2497) EU-Cup (Women) 07th 2002 (4.2)*)* 15...0-0 16.Bb2 Qe7 17.e5 Ne8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.exd6 Nxd6 20.Bb3 Rfe8 21.Rd3 Nf5 22.Rf3 Nh4 23.Rfe3 Nf5 24.Rf3 ½-½ Jirk,J (2383)-Advance Caro-Kann: Short Vari,6 (2451) 154/(201) Istanbul 2022]

12...Be5 13.f4 Black cannot hold the game after this. **13...Ng4** 2.56/24 **14.h3!+-**

[14.fxe5 Qc5+]

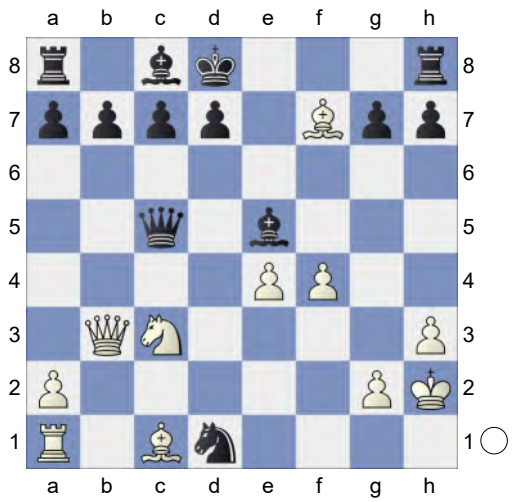
[14.Ba3 Qh4 15.fxe5 *(15.Bxf7+? Kd8-+)* 15...Qxh2+ 16.Kf1 Qh1+ *(16...Qxe5 17.Bxf7+ Kd8 18.Nd5±)* 17.Ke2 Qxg2+ 18.Kd3 Nxe5+ 19.Ke3 Qg5+ 20.Kf2 Qf4+ 21.Ke2 d6-+]

14...Qc5+ 3.00/21

[⊼14...Bxc3 2.04/24 15.Qxc3 Nf6]

15.Kh1 Active counter play! **15...Nf2+ 16.Kh2 Nxd1 17.Bxf7+ Kd8**

(Diagram)



18.Nd5 Bd6 ...Rf8! would now be deadly.

[Weaker is 18...Bxa1 19.Ba3± *(19.Qxd1?* loses. *Rf8-+)*]

19.e5 c6? 4.95/24

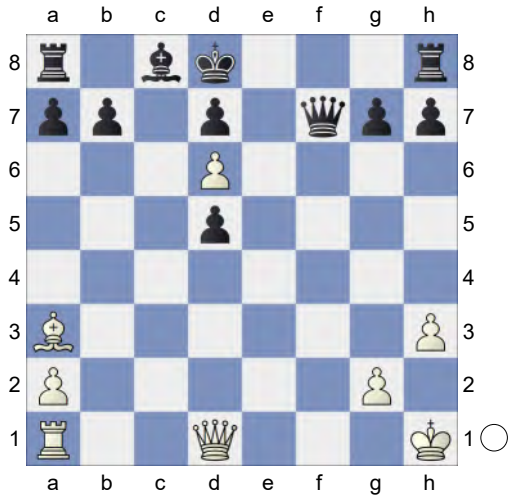
[19...Rf8 2.45/20]

20.exd6 cxd5 21.Ba3 Qe3 6.57/28

[21...Qd4 22.Rxd1 Qxf4+ 23.Kg1 Qxf7 24.Qc3=]

[⊼21...Qc4 4.33/27]

22.Qxd1 Qxf4+ 23.Kh1 Qxf7



24.Qc2! Ke8 25.Re1+ Kf8 26.Qd1 Qg6 27.Qxd5 Threatens to win with Qc4. **27...Qf7 28.Qd3 Qxa2 29.Bb4** 12.26/23

[⊼29.Qg3 31.54/30 Qe6 30.Rxe6 dxe6 31.d7+ Kf7 32.Qf3+ *(32.dxc8B*

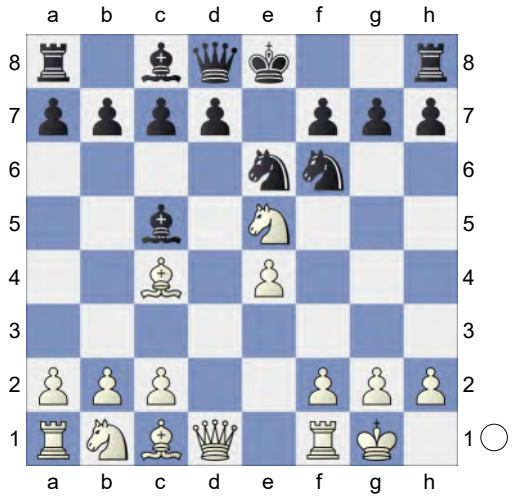
Rhxc8 33.Bb2 Rg8+-) 32...Kg6 33.h4 *(33.dxc8B Rhxc8 34.Qd3+ Kf6+-; 33.Qd3+ Kf6+-)* 33...h5 34.Qe4+ *(34.dxc8B Raxc8 35.Qd3+ Kf6+-; 34.Qg3+ Kf7 35.Qf4+ Kg6 36.Qg5+ Kf7 37.Qe7+ Kg6 38.Qxe6+ Kh7 39.Qf5+ g6 40.Qf7+ Kh6 41.Bc1+ g5 42.hxg5#)* 34...Kf7 35.Qf4+ *(35.dxc8B Raxc8+- 36.Qxb7+ Kg6+-)* 35...Kg6 36.Qg5+ *(36.dxc8B Raxc8 37.Qe4+ Kf7+-)* 36...Kf7 37.Qe7+ *(37.d8R Rxd8 38.Qe7+ Kg6+-)* 37...Kg6 38.Qxe6+ *(38.d8R Rxd8 39.Qxd8 e5+-)* 38...Kh7 39.Qf5+ *(39.dxc8B Rhxc8 40.Qe5 Rf8+-)* 39...g6 40.Qf7+ *(40.dxc8Q Rhxc8 41.Qf7+ Kh6 42.Be7 Rc5 43.Bxc5* Discovered Attack *Re8 44.Qxe8 g5 45.Qf7 gxh4 46.Be3#)* 40...Kh6 41.Bc1+ g5 42.hxg5#]

29...h5 30.Bc3 Qf7 31.Rf1 Pin **31...Rh6 32.Rxf7+ Kxf7 33.Qd5+ Re6 34.Qxh5+ Rg6 35.h4** White threatens Qf5+ and mate. **35...Ke6 36.Qe5+ Kf7 37.Qe7+ Kg8 38.Qe8+ Kh7 39.Qe4 Kh6 40.Bd2+ Kh7 41.h5** Pin. White mates. **41...Kg8 42.Qe8+ Kh7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=1.39 **43.hxg6#**
1-0

99 **C55**
□ **Drvitman** **3000**
■ **elshadgancaliyev** **2591**
Rapid 06.06.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Nxd4 6.Nxe5 Ne6** 1.38/19

[⌓6...Qe7 0.94/20]



7.Bxe6!±

[7.Nc3 0-0 8.Nd3 d6 9.Nxc5 Nxc5 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 Be6 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.b4 Ncd7 14.f4 Qe8 15.Qe2 a6 16.Qc4 Rc8 17.f5 Ne5 18.Qb3 Kh7 19.fxe6 c6 20.Rf2 Qe7 21.Raf1 Rce8 1-0 4.c3 ♘f6 5.e5/6...f5 (2441)-6.f4 ♘bd7 (2632) Polish Ekstraliga 2006 (1) 22.Nd5 cxd5 23.exd5 g5 24.Bg3 Nfg4 25.Rxf8 Rxf8 26.Rxf8 Qxf8 27.h3 Nf6 28.Bxe5 dxe5 29.Qd3+ e4 30.Qd4 e3 31.Qxe3 Qxb4 32.Qd3+ Kg7 33.d6 Qb6+ 34.Kh2 Qd8 35.d7 Ng8 36.Qd4+ Kf8 0-1 Pavlov,S (2433)-Drozdovskij,Y (2587) Geller Memorial op-A 4th 2008 (9)]

7...fxe6 8.Nd3 White is more active. **8...Bb6** 2.19/20

[8...Be7± 1.39/20]

9.e5+- Nd5N 3.37/20

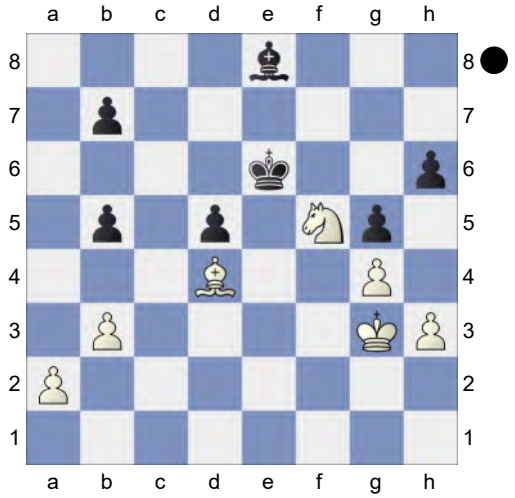
[⌓9...Ng8 2.07/19 10.a4 *(10.Qg4 Qe7 11.c4 d6 12.Nc3 Bd7 13.Bg5 Qf7 14.exd6 cxd6 15.c5 Bxc5 16.Nxc5 dxc5 17.Ne4* 1. 5...Nxd4?!-5...Nxd4?! #2: 6... Ne6 *)* 10...a5]

10.c4 Ne7 11.c5 Ng6 12.cxb6 axb6 13.Nc3 0-0 14.f4 d6 15.exd6 cxd6

16.Qe2 d5 17.Nb5 Bd7 18.Nd4 Re8 19.Be3 e5 20.fxe5 Nxe5 21.Nxe5 Rxe5 22.Qf2 Qe7 23.Bf4 Re4 24.Qd2 Qc5 25.Be3 Rae8 26.Rfe1 Qe7 27.Bf2 Qf6 28.Rxe4 Rxe4 29.Re1 Qe5 30.Rxe4 Qxe4 31.b3 Qb1+ 32.Be1 h6 33.h3 Qe4 34.Kh2 g5 35.Bg3 White is clearly winning. **35...Be8 36.Qe2 Qg6 37.Qe6+ Qxe6 38.Nxe6 b5 39.Nd4 Kf7 40.Be5 Kg6 41.g4 Kf7 42.Kg3 Ke7** 6.76/19

[⊿42...Kg6 4.77/19 43.Kf3 Kh7]

43.Nf5+ Ke6 44.Bd4



Threatens to win with Ng7+. **44...h5** 10.55/20

[⊿44...Bg6 5.11/17 45.Nxh6 Bb1]

45.Ng7+ Kd6 White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.44

46.Nxh5 5.79/17

[⊿46.Nxe8+ 16.83/22 Ke6 47.gxh5]

1-0

100 **C52**

□ **ProteusSF** **2999**

■ **admete_bot** **2339**

Rapid 01.07.2023

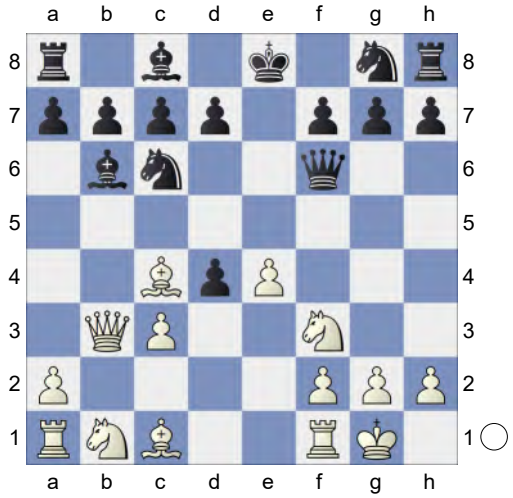
[Kitty Kat]

C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 0.25/19

[6...d6 -0.16/21 is more appropriate.]

7.Qb3!= Qf6 8.0-0 Bb6



9.e5 White has an edge. **9...Qg6 10.cxd4 Nxd4**

[10...Na5 11.Qc3 Nxc4 12.Qxc4 Ne7 13.Ba3 ½-½ Vasquez Bonifacio, L (2747)-Novy,M (2686) ROM-chT Romania 1994 (3.1)]

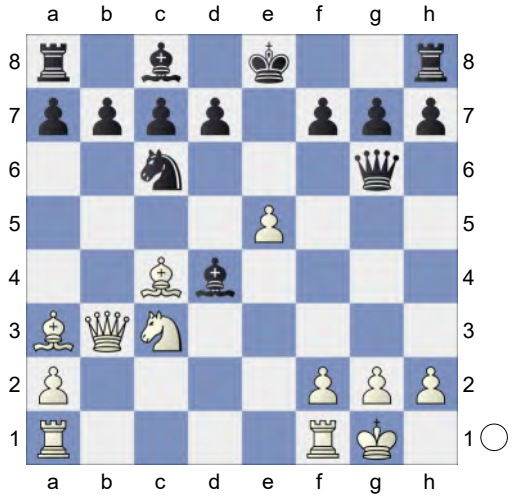
11.Nxd4 Bxd4 12.Nc3! Ne7N and ...b6! should not be overlooked

[12...Bxe5 13.Re1 d6 14.f4±]

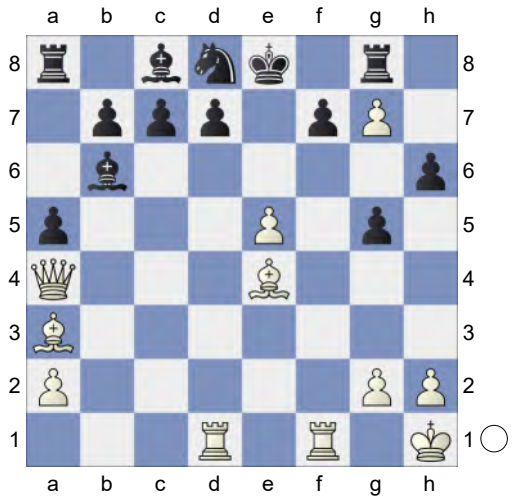
[12...b6 13.Bd5 c6 14.Bf3 Qe6 15.Nd5 cxd5 16.Bxd5 Qxe5 17.Rb1 Ba6 18.Bxa8 Bxf1 19.Kxf1 Ne7 20.Ba3 0-0 21.Re1 Qf6 22.Bf3 d6 23.Qa4 Ng6 24.Re2 a5 25.Qc6 Rd8 26.Re8+ Rxe8 27.Qxe8+ 0-1 Kurmann,O (2450)-Karpov,A (2616) Trans Europa Schach Express rapid 2012 (3.7)]

13.Ba3 White has compensation. Black

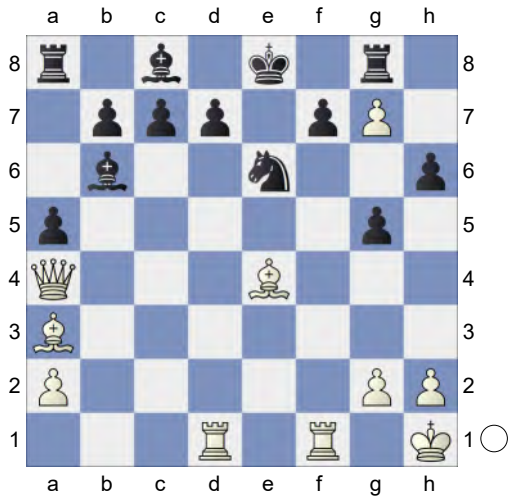
cannot hold the game after this.
13...Nc6? 4.22/20
[Better is 13...b6± 0.32/22]



14.Nb5!+- Bb6
[14...Bxe5 15.Rae1]
15.Rad1∓ Na5 4.75/19
[Much worse is 15...a6 16.Nd6+ cxd6 17.Qxb6+- *(17.Rxd6 Qh5+-)*]
[⊼15...h5 3.38/18 16.Bd5 *(16.Bd6 Na5=)* 16...h4 *(16...Nxe5? 17.Qc3+-; 16...a6? 17.Nd6+* Deflection *cxd6 18.Qxb6+-)*]
16.Qa4
[Weaker is 16.Qb4 c5 *(16...Nc6 17.Qb3∓)* 17.Qc3 Nxc4 18.Qxc4 0-0=]
16...Nc6 17.Bd5 Qh5 5.90/19
[⊼17...Qf5 4.14/17 18.Be4 *(18.Bd6 Kd8=)* 18...Qe6]
18.Kh1 a6 19.Nc3 Rg8 20.f4 a5 21.f5 Rh8 22.Ne4 Threatens to win with f6. **22...h6 23.f6 g5 24.Ng3** 15.08/24
[⊼24.e6 34.05/29 fxe6 25.Bxc6 *(25.f7+ Qxf7 26.Rxf7 Kxf7+-)* 25...bxc6 26.f7+ Qxf7 27.Rxf7 Kxf7 28.Qb3]
24...Qg6 25.Be4 Qg8 26.Nh5 Nd8 27.Ng7+ Qxg7 28.fxg7 Rg8
(Diagram)

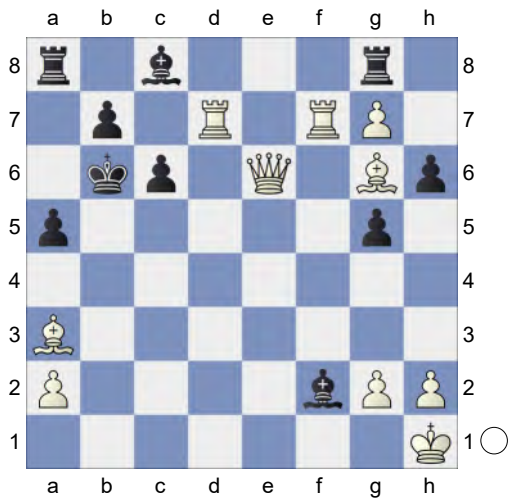


29.e6! Nxe6



30.Rxf7! White wants to mate with Bg6. Decoy, Clearance **30...c6**
[30...Kxf7 31.Rxd7+]
31.Bg6 Kd8 32.Qb3 White mates.
32...Bf2 33.Qxe6 Kc7 34.Rdxd7+ Kb6

(Diagram)

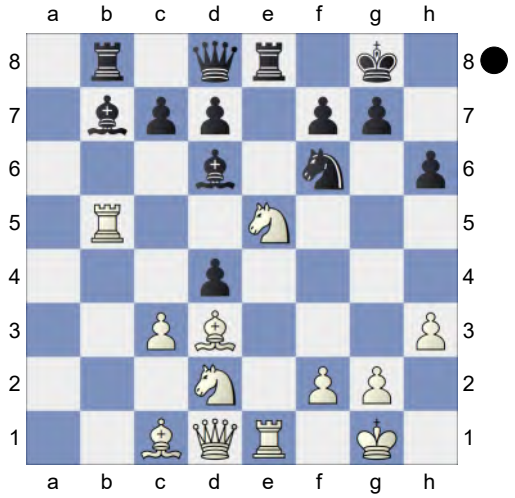


35.Rxb7+!! **Bxb7** **36.Qb3+** **Ka6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=1.61 **37.Qxb7#**
1-0

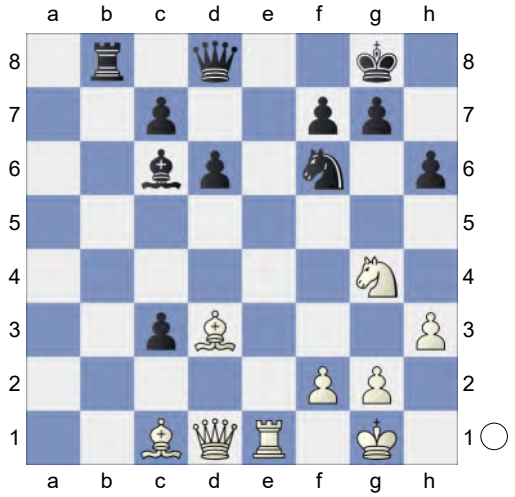
101 **C51**
□ **ProteusSF-Open** **2998**
■ **admete_bot** **2320**
Rapid 07.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C51: Evans Gambit: Declined and Accepted without 5...Ba5 Sokolov,I: 'Inf 91/283' Lukacs: 'LesEchecs.com: 'C50: Partie italienne (gambit Evans refusé) "
1.e4 **e5** **2.Nf3** **Nc6** **3.Bc4** **Bc5** **4.b4** **Bxb4** **5.c3** **Bd6** 0.59/23
[5...Ba5= -0.21/23]
6.0-0± White has compensation. **6...Nf6** **7.d4!** **0-0**
[7...Nxe4?! 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Re1 Nxc4 10.Rxe4+ Be7 11.Rxc4±]
8.Re1 White is slightly better. **8...h6** **9.Nbd2** **Re8** **10.Qb3**
[10.Bb3 b5 11.a4 b4 12.Nc4 bxc3 13.dxe5 Bxe5 14.Nfxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Rxe5 16.Bf4 Re7 17.e5 Ne8 18.Qd3 d5 19.Qxc3 Bf5 20.Rad1 Rd7 21.a5 c6 22.Qxc6 Rc8 23.Qa4 Nc7 24.Be3 Ne6 ½-½ Short,N (2712)-Sokolov,I (2690) Sarajevo Bosnia 34th 2004 (7)]
10...Qe7 **11.Bd3** **Rb8N**
[11...Na5 12.Qc2 *(12.Qa4 b6 13.Nf1 Bb7 14.Ng3 Qf8 15.dxe5 Bxe5 16.Nxe5 Rxe5 17.f4 Ree8 18.e5 d6 19.Ba3 Bc6 20.Qd1 Nd7 21.Qg4 Nb7 22.Nf5 Kh8 23.Re3 Nbc5 24.Rae1 Nxd3 25.Rxd3 Re6 26.Qh4 Rg6* 1-0 Felgaer,R (2593)-Harikrishna,P (2646) Dos Hermanas-A 2005 (4) *)* 12...b6 13.Rb1 Bb7]
[11...b6 12.Nc4 #4 1) Evans Gambit-Evans Gambit: 4...Bxb4]
12.Rb1 0.09/23
[12.a4± 0.58/23]
12...b5= **13.Qd1** **a6** 0.63/23
[13...Ba6= 0.16/23]
14.a4± **Qd8** **15.h3** 0.25/25
[15.axb5± 0.67/26 is more appropriate. axb5 16.Bxb5]
15...Bb7 1.59/26
[15...exd4= 0.25/25 16.cxd4 Nb4]
16.axb5± **axb5** **17.Rxb5**
[17.Bxb5 exd4 18.cxd4 Nb4±]
17...exd4 2.26/26
[17...Ba6± 1.39/23 18.Rxb8 Discovered Attack Nxb8]
18.e5+- **Nxe5**
[18...dxc3?! 19.Nc4 Nxe5 20.Ncxe5± *(20.Nfxe5 Bf8+-)*]
19.Nxe5

(Diagram)



dxc3 **20.Ndc4** This costs Black the game. **20...Bxe5** 3.43/21
[20...Bf8± 1.51/19 was worth a try.]
21.Rbxe5
[21.Rexe5 Ba6 22.Rxe8+ Qxe8+-]
21...Rxe5 22.Nxe5
[Less strong is 22.Rxe5 d5 23.Na5 c5 24.Nxb7 Rxb7±]
22...d6 5.47/20
[⌓22...Qf8 3.45/19 23.Bc2 Re8]
23.Ng4 Bc6 8.84/22
[⌓23...Kf8 5.00/21 24.Bc2 Bc8 25.Nxh6 *(25.Nxf6 Qxf6 26.Qd3 Bd7+-)* 25...Be6]



24.Nxh6+! Demolition **24...gxh6**
[24...Kf8 25.Nf5]
25.Bxh6 Kh8 26.Re3 Be4 27.Bxe4 A strong pair of Bishops. **27...Rb5 28.Bc2** White threatens Qd4! and mate. **28...Rh5 29.Bf4** and Qf3! would now be decisive **29...Rd5 30.Qf3 Rh5 31.g4 Ra5 32.Bh6 Re5 33.g5 c5 34.gxf6 Qg8+ 35.Kh2 Rxe3 36.Bxe3** 13.61/5
[⌓36.Qh5 #6/14 Qg1+ Decoy 37.Kxg1 Re1+ 38.Kg2 Rg1+ 39.Kxg1 Kg8 40.Qg5+ Kh8 41.Qg7#]
36...Qg7 37.fxg7+ White mates. **37...Kg8 38.Bh6 d5 39.Qxd5 c4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=1.11 **40.Qa8#**
1-0

102 **C52**
□ **RaspFish** **2997**
■ **YoBot_v2** **2982**
Rapid 12.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 Illingworth, Max: 'If Kramnik's 9.a3 novelty puts you off 3... Nf6 and 3...e5 also doesn't appeal to you, I'll recommend the following exchange sacrifice as a dangerous, dynamic weapon. It still hasn't been seen in a lot of games and strong players are still being caught out.' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Ne7**
[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-

Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]

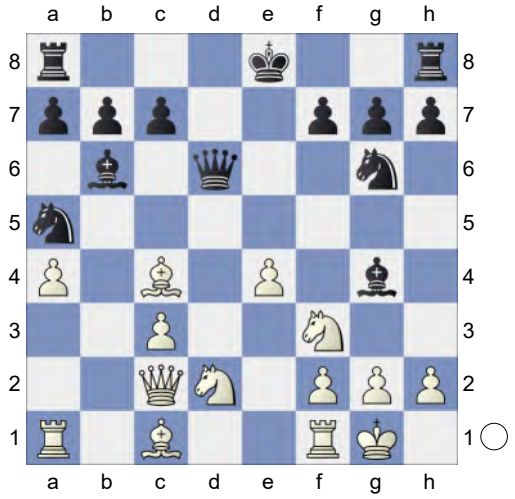
11.dxe5 Ng6

[11...0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 b6 26.Nc4 0-1 Adhiban,B (2630)-Nakamura,H (2776) 123/125 Gibraltar 2015]

12.exd6 Qxd6 13.a4N

[13.e5 Qc6 14.Bd3 Nf4 15.Be4 Qxc3 16.Qb1 Bg4 17.Bb2 Qb4 18.Qc2 0-0-0 19.a3 Qe7 20.Bf5+ Bxf5 21.Qxf5+ Ne6 22.Rac1 Rd7 23.Nc4 Nxc4 24.Rxc4 g6 25.Qh3 h5 26.Nd4 Bxd4 27.Bxd4 Kb8 0-1 Rangeet,M (1512)-Lalith,B (2544) New Delhi op 20th 2023 (2) 28.Bb2 Rhd8 29.Qb3 Rd3 30.Qc2 Qd7 31.h4 Qd5 32.Rc1 Rd2 33.Qb3 Nf4 0-1 Saleh,N (1512)-Sadvakasov,D (2544) Zalaegerszeg 2004 (2)]

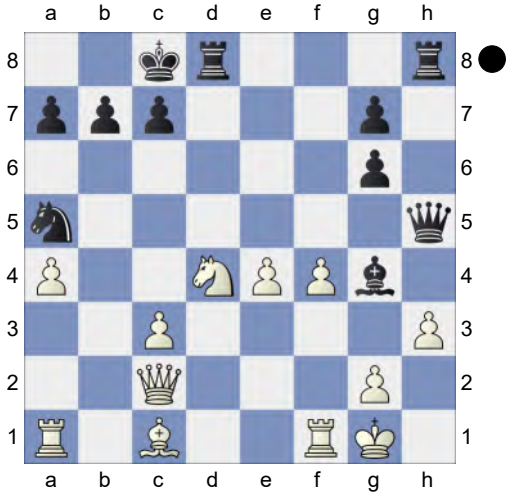
13...Bg4



...Bxf3 would now be deadly. **14.Nd4 0-0-0 15.Bxf7**

[15.h3 Bxd4 16.cxd4 Qxd4 17.Bd5]

15...Qf6 16.Bxg6 hxg6 17.N2f3 Bxd4! 18.Nxd4 Hoping for Qd3. **18...Qe5! 19.f4!⇄** White puts up resistance **19...Qh5 20.h3**



Bxh3! Demolition **21.gxh3 Qxh3 22.Qg2 Qxc3 23.Bb2**

[23.Qg4+? Kb8 24.Ne6 Rd3-+ *(24...Qxa1? 25.f5-+)*]

23...Qe3+ 24.Qf2

[24.Rf2 Rxd4 25.Bxd4 Qxd4=]

24...Qxe4 25.Nf3! Qxf4 26.Be5! Really sharp! **26...Qb4 27.Bh2** White has compensation.

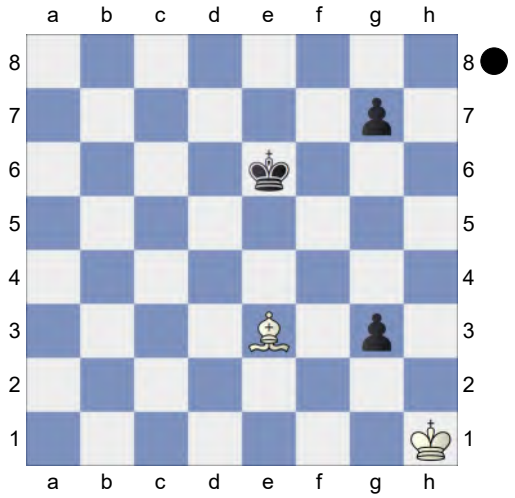
[27.Qxa7? Qg4+ 28.Kf2 Rd3-+]

27...Nc6 28.Qg3 Rd7 29.Rfe1 Nd4 30.Rac1 Prevents Nc2 **30...Nxf3+ 31.Qxf3 Qd4+ 32.Qe3 Qxe3+**

[Not 32...Qxa4 33.Qe8+ Rd8 34.Rxc7+ *(34.Qxa4 Rxh2 35.Re7 Rh1+ 36.Kxh1 c6 37.Qa5 Rh8+ 38.Kg2 b6 39.Qe5 Rh2+ 40.Kxh2 Kd8 41.Qc7#)* 34...Kb8 35.Rd7+ *(35.Qxa4 Rxh2)*]

33.Rxe3 Rhd8 34.a5 Rd1+ 35.Re1 Rxc1 36.Rxc1= Endgame KRB-KR **36...Rd7 37.Rf1 g5 38.Rf8+ Rd8 39.Rf7 Rd1+ 40.Kg2 Rd2+ 41.Kh1 Rc2 42.Rf8+ Kd7 43.Rf7+ Ke6 44.Rxc7 Rxc7 45.Bxc7 b5 46.axb6 axb6 47.Bxb6** KB-KPP. The position is equal.

[47.Kg2!? b5□ 48.Kf3=]
47...g4 48.Bc5 g3 49.Be3

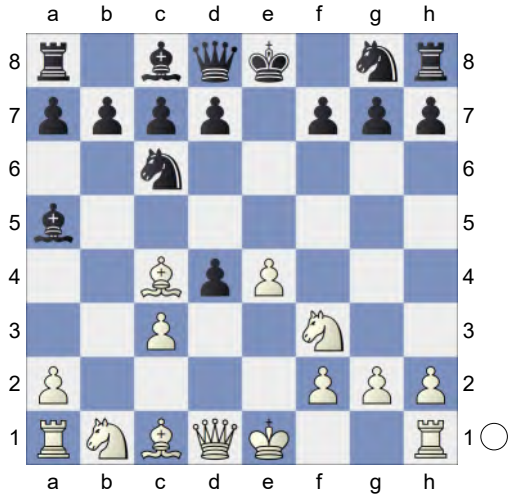


g2+! 50.Kxg2 KB-KP
[50.Kg1 feels hotter. g6 51.Bc5 Kd5 52.Be7]
50...g6 51.Bc1 g5 52.Kf1 g4 53.Bh6 g3 54.Bg7 g2+ 55.Kg1 Kd5
An even fight not without its subleties. Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
56.Kxg2
½-½

103 **C52**
□ **ProteusSF-Turbo** **2995**
■ **pawn_git** **2520**
Rapid 25.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4

(Diagram)



7.Qb3 Qe7 8.0-0 Bb6
[8...Qxe4? 9.Bxf7+ *(9.Re1 Qxe1+ 10.Nxe1 Nf6+-)* 9...Kf8 10.Re1+-]
9.cxd4 White has an edge. **9...Nxd4**
[9...Qxe4? 10.Re1+- *(10.Bxf7+ Kf8+-)*]
10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Nc3! Nf6 12.Rd1N
White has compensation.
[12.Nb5 d5 13.exd5 Bxa1 14.Ba3 Qe5 15.f4 Bd4+ 16.Kh1 Qe3 17.Nxd4 Qxb3 18.Re1+ Kd8 19.Be7+ Kd7 20.Nxb3 c6 21.d6 b6 22.Bxf7 c5 23.Nd2 Kc6 24.Nc4 Bf5 25.Ne5+ Kb7 26.a4 h5 Gaujens,A-Azmaiparshvili,Z X Open Salou ESP 2008 27.Bxf6 gxf6 28.Bd5+ Ka6 29.Bc4+ Kb7 30.Bd5+ Ka6 31.Bc4+ Kb7 ½-½ Pink,J (2701)-Payet,A (2626) San Bernardino op 1989 (8)]
[12.Ba3 d6 13.Rad1 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Qe5 15.Qc1 *(15.Qxe5+ dxe5 16.f4 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.fxe5 Nd7 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Bd6 Kd8 21.Ba3 Ke8 22.Bd6 Kd8 23.Ba3 Ke8 24.Bd6 ½-½ Kovalevskaya,E (2486)-Stefanova,A (2497) EU-Cup (Women) 07th 2002 (4.2))* 15...0-0 16.Bb2 Qe7 17.e5 Ne8 18.Rfe1 Be6 19.exd6 Nxd6 20.Bb3 Rfe8 21.Rd3 Nf5 22.Rf3 Nh4 23.Rfe3 Nf5 24.Rf3

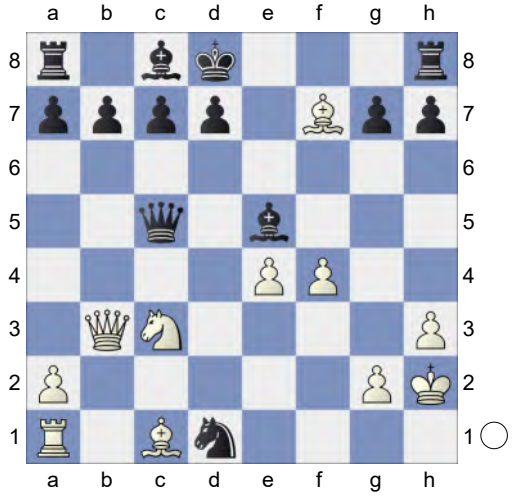
½-½ Jirk,J (2383)-Advance Caro-Kann: Short Vari,6 (2451) 154/(201) Istanbul 2022]

12...Be5 ...c6 is the strong threat. **13.f4↑** White is pushing. **13...Ng4** 1.43/27 **14.h3±**

[14.fxe5 Qc5+]

[14.Ba3? Qh4 15.fxe5 *(15.Bxf7+? Kd8-+)* 15...Qxh2+ 16.Kf1 Qh1+ *(16...Qxe5 17.Bxf7+ Kd8 18.Nd5±)* 17.Ke2 Qxg2+ 18.Kd3 Nxe5+ 19.Ke3 d6 20.Bb5+ Kf8∓]

14...Qc5+ 15.Kh1 Active counter play! **15...Nf2+ 16.Kh2 Nxd1** Pin **17.Bxf7+ Kd8**



18.Nd5 Black cannot hold the game after this. **18...Bxa1** 4.07/22

[18...Bd6± 1.25/23 was necessary.]

19.Ba3+-

[19.Qxd1? Rf8 20.Be3 Qc4-+]

19...Qf8 20.Bxf8 Rxf8 21.Bh5

[21.Qxd1 Rxf7 22.Qh5 *(22.Qxa1 c6±)* 22...Re7± *(22...Rf8? 23.e5+-)*]

21...Nc3 22.Nxc3 Hoping for Nd5. **22...g6 23.Bf3 d6 24.e5 Bxc3 25.Qxc3 a5 26.exd6 cxd6 27.Qg7 Rxf4 28.Qxh7 Bd7 29.Bxb7**

[Not 29.Qxg6 Kc7 30.Bxb7 Raf8+- *(30...Kxb7?* is the wrong capture. *31.Qxd6 Bxh3 32.Qxf4+-)*]

29...Rb8 30.Qxg6 Kc7 31.Bf3 Rbf8 32.Qc2+ Kd8 33.Qd2 Rxf3 34.Qxa5+ Ke7 35.gxf3 Rxf3 Endgame KQ-KRB **36.Qg5+ Ke6 37.h4 Ra3 38.Kg1 Be8 39.h5 Rxa2 40.Qg4+ Ke7 41.Qg7+ Bf7 42.h6 Ra3 43.h7 Rh3 44.h8Q Rxh8 45.Qxh8 Be6 46.Qg7+ Kd8 47.Kf2 Bd7 48.Ke3** 15.40/25

[⌓48.Qf7 #13/24 Kc7 49.Ke3 Kd8 50.Kd4 Ba4 51.Qe6 Kc7 52.Qe7+ Kc6 53.Qe8+ Skewer Kb7 54.Qxa4]

48...Kc8 49.Kd4 White mates. **49...Kd8 50.Kd5 Kc7 51.Qf7 Kc8 52.Kxd6 Kb7 53.Qxd7+ Kb6 54.Qf5 Kb7 55.Qb1+ Ka6 56.Kc6 Ka7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.88 **57.Qb7#**

1-0

104 **C52**

□ **ProteusSF-Turbo** **2994**

■ **pawn_git** **2521**

Rapid 25.07.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 0.30/20

[⌓6...d6 -0.10/20]

7.Qb3!= Qe7 0.44/19

[7...Qf6= 0.01/21]

8.0-0± Nf6 0.81/21

[8...Qxe4? 9.Bxf7+ *(9.Re1 Qxe1+ 10.Nxe1 Nd8+-)* 9...Kf8 10.Re1+-]

[8...Bb6= 0.05/23 keeps the balance. 9.cxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.Nb5 d5 13.exd5 Bxa1 14.Ba3 Qe5 15.f4 Bd4+ 16.Kh1 Qe3 17.Nxd4 Qxb3 18.Re1+ Kd8 19.Be7+ Kd7 20.Nxb3 c6 21.d6 b6 22.Bxf7 c5 23.Nd2 Kc6 ½-½ Pink,J (2701)-Payet,A (2626) San

Bernardino op 1989 (8)]
[8...Bxc3 9.Nxc3 dxc3 10.Qxc3 Nf6 11.Ba3 d6 12.e5 Ne4 13.Qc2 Nc5 14.Rfe1 Be6 15.h4 h6 16.exd6 cxd6 17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Qg6+ Qf7 20.Rxe6+ Kf8 21.Qe4 Rd8 22.Re1 Kg8 23.Qc2 1-0 Potikha,S (1561)-Wang,T (1640) Wch U12 Girls 2024 (7)]

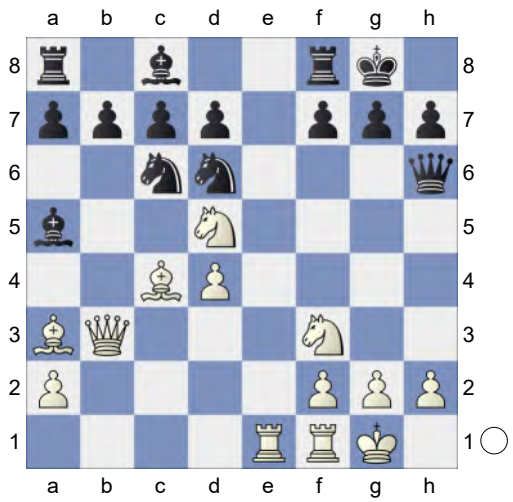
9.cxd4N White is better.
[9.Ba3 d6 10.Re1 *(10.e5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Qxe5 12.Bxf7+ Kd8 13.cxd4 Qxd4 14.Bb2 Qf4 15.f3 Rf8 16.Bc4 Bb6+ 17.Kh1 Ne4 18.Qc2 Ng3+ 19.hxg3 Qh6#* 0-1 Amirkhanyan,M (1440)-Arellan Zavala,M (1544) Barcelona Sant Marti op-B 23rd 2023 (3)*)* 10...Ng4 11.Re2 dxc3 12.e5 Ngxe5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Qb5+ Kf8 15.Rxe5 c6 16.Qxa5 Qh4 17.Bxd6+ 1-0 Rappazzo,J (2057)-Hoffmann,S (1315) Stein am Rhien op 2023 (3)]

9...Nxe4
[Of course not 9...Qxe4 10.Nbd2 *(10.Bxf7+ Kd8±)* 10...Bxd2 11.Bxf7+ *(11.Nxd2 Qxd4 12.Nf3 Qb6=)* 11...Kd8 12.Bxd2±]

10.Ba3! Nd6 11.Nc3 White has strong compensation. **11...0-0 12.Rae1** White is more active. **12...Qf6** 1.73/22
[12...Qd8± 0.54/24]

13.Nd5+- Qh6 2.91/21
[13...Qd8± 1.43/24]

(Diagram)



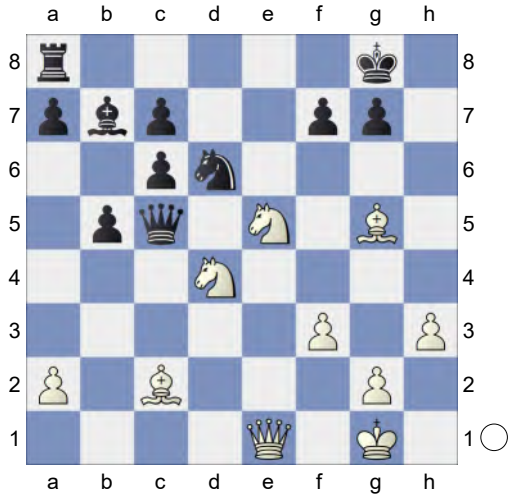
14.Bd3! b5? 3.94/21
[14...Bxe1 2.27/20 15.Rxe1 Re8]

15.Bc1 Qh5 16.Nf4 Qh6 17.Ne2 Qf6 18.Bg5 Qe6 aiming for ...Qxb3. **19.d5 Qg4 20.dxc6 Bxe1 21.Rxe1 Re8** Black is weak on the dark squares **22.h3**
[22.Bxb5 Nxb5 23.Qxb5 dxc6 24.Qxc6 Be6±]

22...Qa4 23.Qb1 dxc6 24.Bxh7+ Kh8 25.Bc2 Qa3 6.89/23
[⌓25...Qc4 4.58/19 26.Bb3 Bf5]

26.Ned4 Rxe1+ 27.Qxe1 Bb7 28.Ne5 Kg8 29.f3
[Less strong is 29.Nexc6 Bxc6 30.Nxc6 Re8±]

29...Qc5

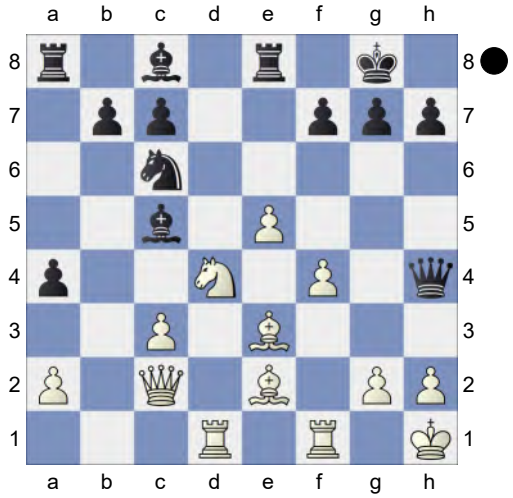


30.Qh4! f5 31.Ng6 Re8 32.Ne7+

Rxe7 33.Bxe7 This pair of bishops is nice. **33...Kf7 34.Bb3+ Ke8 35.Bg5 Nf7** Prevents Qh8+ **36.Qe1+ Kf8 37.Be3 Qe7 38.Ne6+** Deflection **38...Ke8 39.Nxg7+ Kd8 40.Ne6+ Kc8 41.Bxa7 Nd6 42.Qc3 Ba8 43.Bf2 Kb8 44.h4** Hoping for h5. **44...Nc8 45.h5 Bb7 46.Nc5 Nb6 47.h6 Nc8 48.Qg7 Qxg7 49.hxg7 Ne7 50.Bh4 Nc8 51.g8Q Ka7 52.Qd8 Kb6 53.Nd7+ Ka5 54.Qxc7+ Kb4 55.Qe5** Intending Qc5+ and mate. **55...Ka3 56.Qc5+** White mates. **56...Kb2 57.Bf6+ Kb1** Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=1.12 **58.Qc2#**
1-0

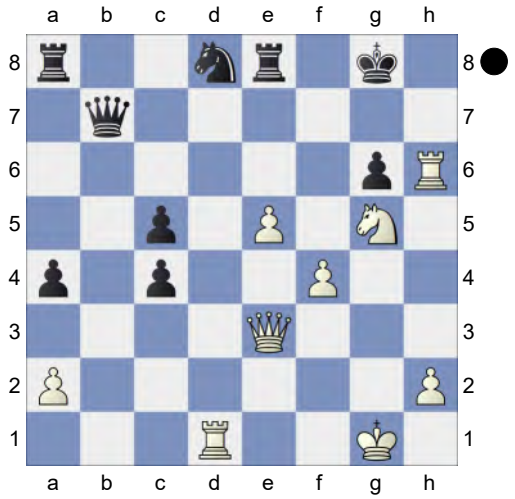
105 **C51**
□ **ProteusSF-Turbo** **2991**
■ **admete_bot** **2338**
Rapid 25.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C51: Evans Gambit: Declined and Accepted without 5...Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Be7 6.d4 Na5 7.Bd3 d6 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Nf6** The position is equal. **10.Qc2 Ng4N**
[10...0-0 11.0-0 c5 *(11...Qd6 12.Nf3 Rd8 13.Be2 Qc6 14.Nbd2 Be6 15.e5 Nd5 16.Ne4 Nb4 17.Qb1 Bxa2 18.Rxa2 Nxa2 19.Bg5 Nxc3 20.Nxc3 Bxg5 21.Nxg5 Qg6 22.Nce4 h6 23.Nf3 Nc6 24.Bc4 Nd4 25.Nf6+ Kh8 26.Qxg6* ½-½ Gonzalez, J (2619)-Rognon,R (2641) II 107/255 Lubbock 2009 (3)*)* 12.f4 b6 13.Nd2 Bb7 14.c4 Qd4+ 15.Kh1 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 Bxe4 17.Bxe4 Qxa1 18.Bxh7+ Kh8 19.Be4 Rad8 20.Qe2 Rd6 21.Bb2 Qxa2 22.Qh5+ Rh6 23.Qxh6+ gxh6 24.Nxf7+ Kg8 25.Nxh6# 1-0 Mestek,I (2060)-Apaar, S (2183) Nova Gorica op 29th 2025 (5)]
11.Nf3 Black should prevent h3. **11...Nc6 12.0-0 Nge5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Be2 0-0 15.Nd2 Bd6** 0.56/21
[15...b6= -0.01/19]
16.Nb3⩲ Nc6 17.f4 a5 0.92/20
[17...f6⩲ 0.55/19]
18.Be3± Re8 1.57/19
[⩍18...f6 0.76/20]
19.e5 a4 20.Nd4 White is more active. **20...Bc5 21.Rad1 Qh4** 1.84/18
[21...Ne7± 0.93/20]
22.Kh1+-



Strongly threatening Nf3. This costs Black the game. **22...Bb6?** 3.41/19
[22...g6± 1.53/19 23.Bf2 Qe7 *(23...Qxf4 24.e6±)*]
23.Nf3 Qe7 4.16/24
[23...Qh6 2.85/20 was worth a try.]
24.Bxb6 cxb6 25.Ng5 g6 26.Bc4 Bf5 27.Qe2
[27.Bxf7+ Qxf7 28.Qe2 Qe7-+]
27...Nd8 28.g4 Bd7 29.Bd5 Kh8 30.Ne4 Qh4 5.24/20 Black is weak on the dark squares

[⊿30...b5 3.58/18 31.Qf3 Bc6]
31.Rg1
[Avoid the trap 31.Nf6? Qxf6 32.c4 Qe7-+]
31...Bc6 32.c4 b5 6.10/20
[⊿32...Ne6 4.14/18 33.Rgf1 Re7]
33.Bxc6 bxc6 34.Qe3
[34.cxb5 cxb5 35.Qf3 *(35.Qxb5 Ne6±)* 35...Ra6+-]
34...bxc4 35.Rg3 c5 10.19/24
[⊿35...Qe7 5.16/19 36.Nf6 Ne6]
36.Rh3
[36.Qxc5 Ne6 37.Qe3 *(37.Qxc4 Rec8±)* 37...Rg8±]
36...Qe7 37.Ng5
[37.Qxc5 Ne6 38.Qe3 *(38.Qxc4 Qb7=)* 38...Red8±]
37...Qb7+ 38.Kg1 h5 39.gxh5 Kg8 40.hxg6
[Not 40.Qxc5 Ne6 41.Nxe6 *(41.Qxc4 Nxg5 42.fxg5 Rad8=)* 41...Rac8±]
40...fxg6 41.Rh6



Intending Qh3! and mate. **41...Qg7 42.Rh7** 13.38/24
[⊿42.Qh3 32.55/29 Re7 43.Rd6 *(43.Rh7 Qxh7 44.Nxh7 Rxh7+-)*]
42...Qxh7 43.Nxh7 Kxh7 44.Rd7+ Kg8 45.Qh3 Nf7 46.e6 Rf8 47.exf7+ Rxf7 48.Qe6 Raf8 49.Qxg6+ Kh8 50.Rxf7 Rxf7 51.Qxf7 c3 52.Qf6+ Kg8 53.Qxc3 Kf7 54.Qe5 a3 55.f5 c4 56.Qe6+ Kg7 57.Qg6+ White mates. **57...Kf8 58.f6 c3 59.Qg7+ Ke8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.97 **60.Qe7#**
1-0

106 **C51**
□ **ProteusSF** **2989**
■ **admete_bot** **2343**
Rapid 01.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bb6 5.a4 a6 6.d3 Nf6 7.c3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 Be6N**
[9...Ne7 10.a5 Ba7 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.Rxe3 Ng6 13.d4 Bd7 14.Qb3 Ng4 15.Re1 Kh8 16.h3 Nh6 17.Nbd2 Qf6 18.Re3 Nf4 19.Nf1 g5 20.dxe5 dxe5 21.Rd1 Bxh3 22.gxh3 Nxh3+ 23.Kg2 g4 24.Ng3 0-1 Leconte,J-Miles,E Jugoslavija 76/203 1999]
[9...h6 10.h3 Ne7 11.d4 exd4 12.a5 Ba7 13.cxd4 d5 14.e5 Ne4 15.Bd3 Bf5 16.Na3 f6 17.exf6 Rxf6 18.Be3 c6 19.g4 Nc3 20.Qc2 Bxd3 21.Qxc3 Rxf3 22.Qxd3 Qd6 0-1 Bacrot,E (2594)-Almasi,Z (2676) Szeged m 2000 (3)]
10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Be3 Bxe3 White has an edge. **12.Rxe3 d5 13.Nbd2 d4 14.cxd4 exd4 15.Re1** Black must now prevent b5. **15...Ng4** 1.37/21
[15...Nd7± 0.41/19]

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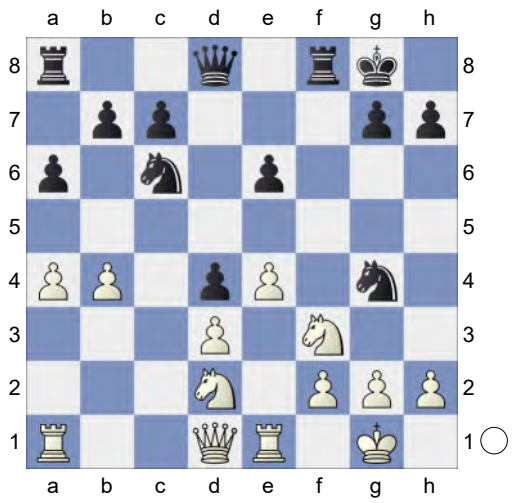

16.h3!± Nge5 17.b5 axb5 18.axb5 Rxa1 19.Qxa1 Black cannot hold the game after this. **19...Nxd3?** 3.82/25
[19...Nxf3+± 1.03/24 20.Nxf3 Nb4]
20.bxc6+- Nxe1 21.Nxe1
[21.Qxe1 bxc6 22.Nb3 d3±]
21...bxc6 22.Nd3 Qd6 5.22/24
[⌓22...h6 3.36/20 23.Qa4 Qd7]
23.Qa4 Rb8 24.g3 c5 25.Nc4 Dodges Qb6 **25...Qf8 26.Kg2** Wards off Qf3+ **26...Rd8 27.Nce5 Qd6 28.h4 h6 29.h5 Kh7 30.Nf7** Excellent horsemanship. **30...Qd7 31.Qxd7 Rxd7 32.Nfe5**
[32.Nxc5? Rxf7 33.f4 e5-+]
32...Rd8 33.Nxc5 Kg8 34.Ned3
[34.Nxe6? loses. Re8 35.Nxc7 Rxe5-+]
34...Kf7 35.Kf3 Ra8 36.e5
[36.Ne5+ Ke7 37.g4 Ra3+ 38.Kf4 Rc3±]
36...Ra2 37.Ke4 c6 38.Kxd4 Rd2 39.f3 Rg2 40.g4 Rd2 41.Nb3 Ra2 42.Ke3 Rc2 43.Nd4 Rc3 44.Kd2 Rc4 45.Nb3 Ra4 46.Ndc5 Ra8 47.Ke3 Rd8 48.Nd3 Rd5 49.Nbc5 Ke7 50.Ke4 Kf7

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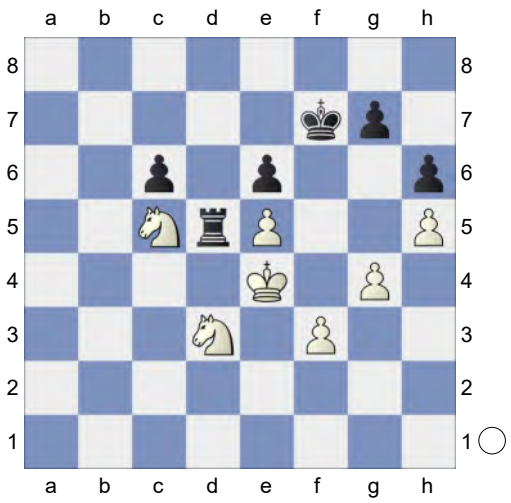
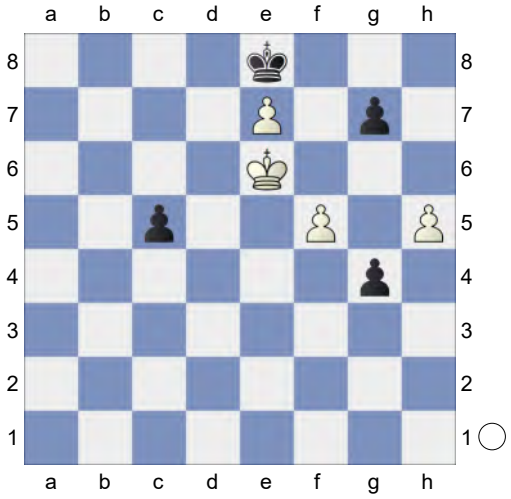


51.Nxe6! Rxd3
[51...Rd7 52.Nd4]
52.Kxd3 Kxe6 Endgame KP-KP. White is a pawn up. **53.Ke4** White threatens f4 and mate. **53...Ke7 54.Kd4 Kf7 55.f4 Ke7 56.Kc5 Kd7 57.f5 Kc7 58.e6 Kd8 59.Kd6 c5 60.e7+ Ke8 61.g5** White mates.
[61.Kxc5 Kxe7 62.Kd5 Kf6=]
61...hxg5 62.Ke6
[Worse is 62.Kxc5 Kxe7 63.Kd5 g4=]
62...g4



63.h6! g6
[63...gxh6 64.f6]
64.h7 g3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.70

65.h8Q#
1-0

107 **C52**
□ **ToromBot** **2988**
■ **RaspFish** **2977**
Blitz 05.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec C52: Evans Gambit Accepted: 5 c3 Ba5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.0-0 Bb6! 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Qc2 Qe7**

[10...Ne7 11.dxe5 0-0 12.Ba3 Ng6 13.exd6 cxd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Bb4 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxb4 17.cxb4 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Rfd1 Bg4 20.f3 Rac8 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe4 Qa6 24.a3 h6 25.Na5 0-1 Adhiban,B (2665)-Le,Q (2718) Asian Continental op 15th 2016 (8)]

[10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nxc4 12.Nxc4 Ne7 13.a4 c6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nfxe5 Qd8 16.Ba3 0-0 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Rad1 Nf5 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Qb2 Qd8 21.a5 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc6 Rxb7 24.Nxd8 Re7 25.Nxe6 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Shvedova,A (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (3)]

11.Ba3

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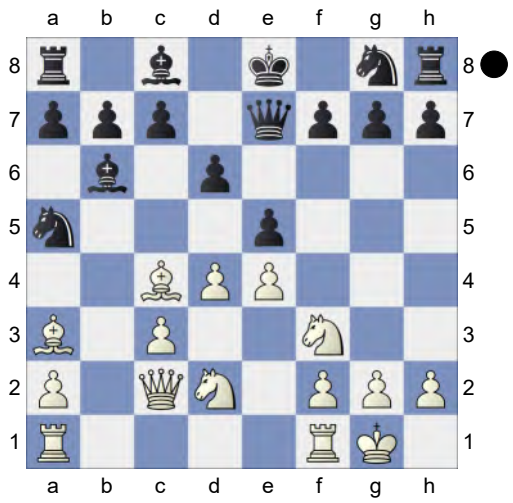


f6 12.Bb5+N

[12.Rab1 Bd7 13.Bb4 Rb8 14.a4 Nh6 15.Bd5 c6 16.Ba2 Nf7 17.Rfd1 0-0 18.Nf1 Bc7 19.Ne3 Be6 20.d5 Bd7 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Qd3 Nb7 23.Ba3 Be6 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Nc4 Rfd8 26.Qe3 Qxc4 0-1 Zapolskis,A (2257)-Johnson,D (2211) London Mindsports IM 2022 (2)]

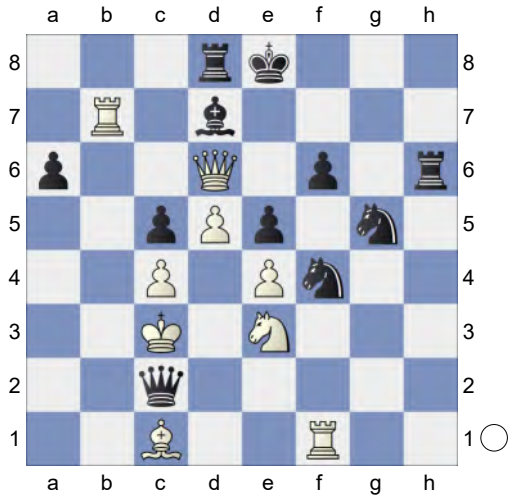
12...c6 13.Bd3 Nh6 14.c4 c5 Prevents Bb4. **15.d5 Bd8 16.Bb2 Bd7 17.h3** White has compensation. **17...b6 18.Nh2 Bc7 19.Bc3 Nb7 20.a4 Nd8 21.Nb1 0-0 22.Bd2 Ndf7 23.Nc3 Kh8 24.f3 g6 25.Qc1 Ng8 26.Kh1 Bd8 27.Qc2 Qe8 28.Ng4 h5 29.Ne3 Ngh6 30.h4 Rg8 31.g3 Be7 32.Rf2 Rg7 33.Rg1 Qc8 34.Rh2 Qc7 35.g4 Rag8 36.Qd1 Qc8 37.Rgg2 a6 38.Bc2 Rh7 39.Kg1 hxg4 40.fxg4 Kg7 41.Kf1 Kf8 42.Qe2 Rgh8 43.Ke1 Ng8 44.Qf2 Ke8 45.Bd1 Kd8 46.h5 gxh5 47.gxh5 Ngh6** Prevents Nf5. **48.Bc1 Ng5 49.Qb2 Ke8! 50.a5 bxa5 51.Na4 Bd8**

[51...Bxa4 is interesting. 52.Bxa4+ Kf7 53.Bd1 Qb8]

52.Nb6 Bxb6 53.Qxb6 Ke7!

[53...Nxe4?! 54.Bc2 f5 *(54...Bf5? 55.Nxf5* Remove Defender *Nxf5 56.Bxe4+-)* 55.Bxe4± *(55.Qxa5*

Nf6∓)]
54.Qb1 Nh3 0.70/23
[54...a4= -0.01/20]
55.Rb2 0.26/19 White is more active.
[55.Rxh3!± 0.70/23 Bxh3 56.Rb2]
55...Nf4!= 56.Kd2 Qg8! 57.Rh1 Inhibits Qg1. Rb7 poses a challenge
57...Qg3 58.Kc3 Rd8 0.67/22
[58...f5= 0.01/20]
59.Rb7!± Kf8 60.Qb6 Nf7 61.Qxa5
[61.Qxa6 Bc8 62.Rxf7+ Kxf7∓]
61...Ke8
[61...Kg8!?]
62.h6 Qf2 63.Rf1!↑ White has some pressure.
[Reject 63.Qxa6 Ng5 64.Kb3 *(64.Qxd6? Nxe4+ 65.Kb3 Nxd6-+)* 64...Nxe4∓]
63...Qh2! 64.Qc7 Some like it hot
64...Ng5! A dynamic duo of knights.
65.Bc2!
[65.Qxd6? Nxe4+ 66.Kb3 Nxd6-+]
65...Rxh6 66.Qxd6 Qxc2+!



Remove Defender **67.Kxc2 Ba4+**
[67...Nxe4? is the wrong capture. 68.Qc7+- *(68.Qxa6 Rh2+ 69.Kb3 Nd6+-)*]
68.Kb1 Rxd6 69.Nf5! Bc2+! 70.Kxc2 Rh2+ 71.Kb3 Rd7 72.Rb8+ Kf7! 73.Bxf4 exf4 The position is equal.
74.Rxf4 Re2! 75.Rf1 Nxe4 Hoping for ...Nd2+. **76.Rg1 Ng5**
[76...Nd2+ 77.Ka4 Re8 78.Nh6+ Ke7 79.Re1+ Kf8 80.Rbxe8+ Kg7 81.Rg1+ Kh7 82.Ng8 *(82.Ng4 Rf7+-)*]
77.Rf1 Kg6 78.Nh4+ Kf7 79.Nf5 Kg6 80.Ka3 Rc2 81.Rf4 Nh3 82.Rg8+ Kh7 83.Rfg4 aiming for R8g6. **83...Ng5 84.Rf8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
84...Kg6
½-½

108 **C54**
□ **FaustiOro** **2949**
■ **TemurKuybokarov** **2887**
Blitz 27.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.c3 Nf6**
[5...Bb6 6.0-0 h6 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Bb3 a5 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 20.Nb1 0-1 Gazi,M (2785)-Sudgen,J (2760) Simultaneous (Game 7) 2000 (1)]
6.h3 a5 7.a4 Ba7N
[7...h6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Nf1 Be6 10.Ng3 d5 11.exd5 Bxd5 12.Qb3 e4 13.Bxd5 exf3 14.Bxf3 Qxd3 15.Qb5 Nb4 16.Qxd3 Nxd3+ 17.Kd2 Rad8 18.Kc2 Bxf2 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Bxe4 Ne1+ 21.Kb1 c6 22.Be3 0-1 Veres,E (2596)-Krueger,A (2652) FRA-chT Top 16 Gp Haute 2010 (4.3) Bh4 23.Bb6 Rd2 24.Ka2 Re2 25.Bf3

Nxf3 26.gxf3 Bd8 27.Bc5 Rfe8 28.Rhd1 Bf6 29.Kb3 b5 30.Bd6 Rd8 31.axb5 cxb5 32.Bc7 a4+ 0-1 Santos Ruiz,M (2596)-Korobov,A (2652) ESP-chT CECLUB Honor 2023 (4.3)]

8.Nbd2 Ne7 The position is equal. **9.Nf1 Ng6 10.Ng3 c6 11.Bb3** -0.05/21

[11.0-0± 0.32/21]

11...h6 0.55/24

[11...d5= -0.05/21]

12.0-0± 0-0 13.d4 Re8 14.Bc2 Kh7 0.75/22

[14...Bb6± 0.35/21]

15.Re1± Be6 16.Be3 Qc7 17.Qd2 Rad8 18.Rad1 b5 19.Qc1 Qb8 1.01/22

[19...Bb8± 0.63/20 should be considered.]

20.Nf5 Ng8 21.axb5 0.79/21 White is more active.

[21.b3 1.16/19]

21...cxb5 22.dxe5 0.03/26

[22.b3± 0.58/19]

22...dxe5 23.Bxa7 Qxa7 24.Nd6 Rf8 25.Nxb5

[25.Qe3 simplifies Qxe3 26.Rxe3 Rb8 27.Ra1]

25...Qb6 26.Na3 -0.07/26

[26.Ba4± 0.34/25]

26...Rb8

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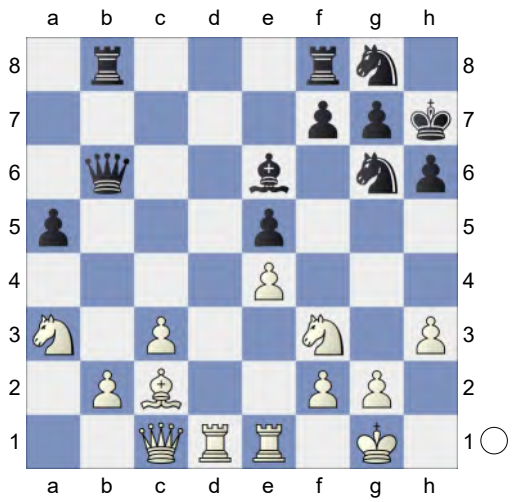

27.b3 -0.56/23 **Bxb3∓ 28.Nd2** -0.69/24

[⌓28.Rd5! -0.31/24 Bxd5 29.exd5]

28...Be6 29.Ba4 -1.73/23

[White should try 29.Nac4∓ -0.40/23 Qc5 30.Bd3 *(30.Qa3 Qxa3 31.Nxa3 Rfc8∓)*]

29...Nf4↑ White is under strong pressure. **30.Qc2** -3.86/23 Dodges Nd3

[30.Ndc4 -1.80/21 Bxc4 31.Nxc4]

30...Qc5 31.Nab1 -4.80/23

[31.Ra1 -2.82/21]

31...Nf6 32.Nf1 Rb6 33.Ne3 -6.62/24

[⌓33.Qd2 -4.41/25 Rfb8 34.c4]

33...Rfb8 34.Rd2 Qc8 And now ... Bxh3! would win. **35.h4** -6.96/27

[⌓35.Na3 -4.07/26 Qc5 *(35...Rb2 36.Qc1-+)* 36.Rd5 Qxa3 37.Nc4]

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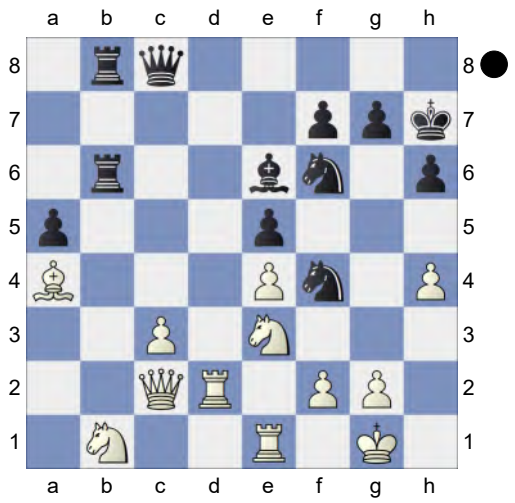
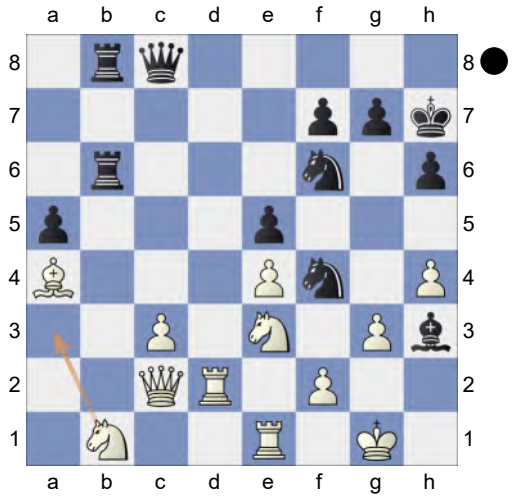


35...Bh3! 36.g3
[36.Na3 Ng4]



36...N6h5? -0.73/22 **37.c4?** -4.91/25
[37.Na3∓ -0.73/22]
37...Rg6? -1.21/24
[37...Rb2-+ -4.91/25 has better winning chances. 38.Qc3 Rxb1]
38.Kh2∓

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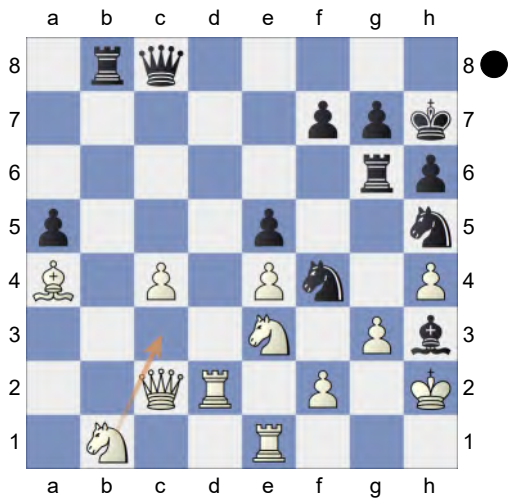
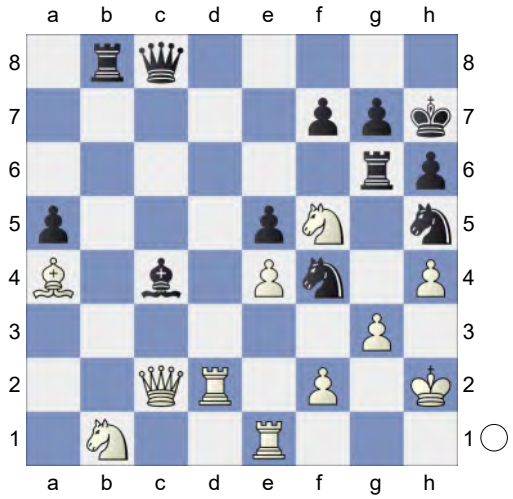
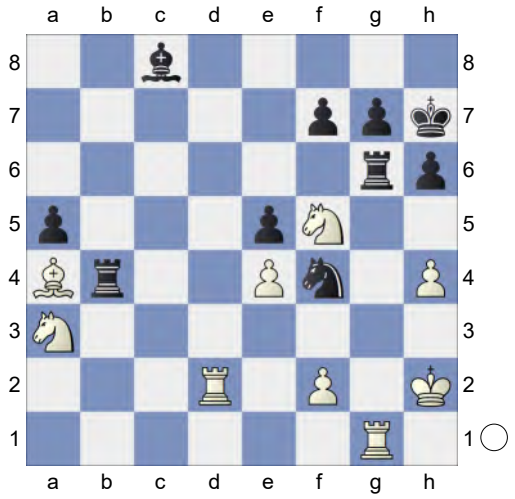


Bf1? 4.84/23 **39.Nf5?** 0.97/23
[39.Rxf1 Qh3+ 40.Kg1 Rd8-+ *(40...Qxh4 41.Bd7=; 40...Nxg3 41.fxg3 Qxg3+ 42.Ng2=)*]
[39.Bd7+- 4.84/23 and White stays clearly on top. Qc5 40.gxf4 *(40.Rxf1 Rxg3 41.fxg3 Qxe3+-; 40.Nxf1 Rgb6+-)*]
39...Bxc4 2.03/26
[39...Bh3± 0.97/23]



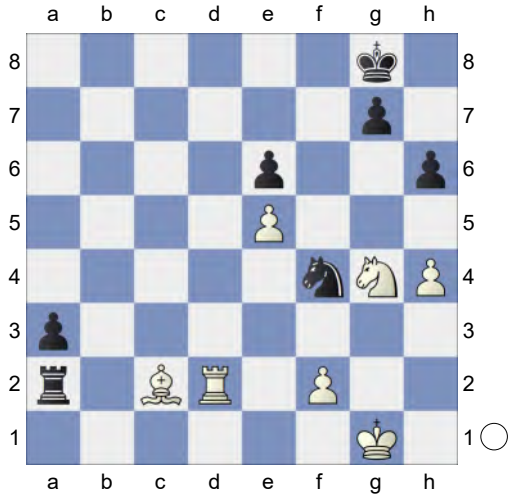
40.Na3!+-
[40.gxf4?! Rb4± *(40...Nxf4 41.Rc1±)*]
40...Be6 41.Qxc8
[41.gxf4 Qf8 42.Nb5 Nxf4=]
41...Bxc8 42.gxf4 Nxf4 43.Rg1

1.29/24 Prevents Rg2+
[43.Ne3+- 1.92/25]
43...Rb4±



Against Nc4 **44.Bc2** 0.91/27
[44.Rxg6 fxg6 45.Bc2 gxf5 46.exf5 Bb7 47.f6+ Kg8 48.fxg7 Nd5∓ *(48...Kxg7? 49.Rd7+ Kf6 50.Bd1-+)*]
[⊿44.Bd1! 1.42/25]
44...Rb2? 3.83/27
[44...Rxg1± 0.91/27 45.Kxg1 Nh3+ 46.Kh2 Bxf5 47.exf5 Rxh4]
45.Nc4 Rxg1 46.Kxg1
[Resist 46.Nxb2?! Rg2+ 47.Kh1 Bxf5]
46...Ra2 47.Nxe5 Be6? 4.99/24
[47...a4 2.10/23 was necessary.]
48.Nd4+- a4 49.Nxe6 fxe6 50.Ng4 and e5+ should not be overlooked
50...a3? 6.40/22
[50...h5 3.87/21]
51.e5+ Kg8

(Diagram)



Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/Black=0.74 **52.Bh7+!** Discovered Attack
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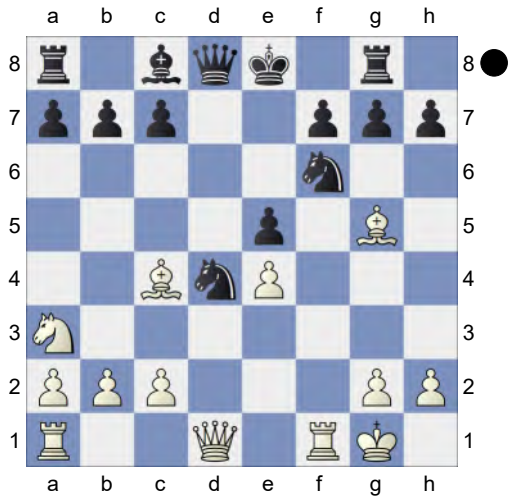
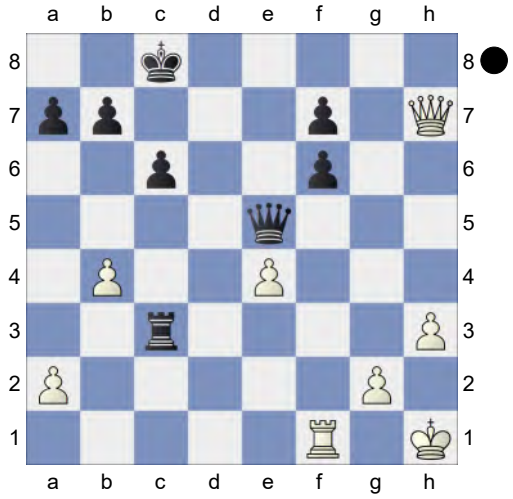
109 **C55**
□ **ManuDavid2910** **2929**
■ **MothAndTheFlame** **2906**
Blitz 07.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Rg8**
[9...Be6 10.Na3 Qe7 11.c3 Bxc4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxc4 Ne6 14.Ne3 Qc5 15.Qe1 0-0-0 16.Kh1 Nf4 17.g3 Rd3 18.Nf5 Ne6 19.Qe2 Rhd8 20.Nd4 R3xd4 21.cxd4 exd4 22.Rad1 Qe7 23.e5 fxe5 24.Qxe5 0-1 Nowroozian,N (2723)-Logan,T (2741) 3: St Edmunds 2003 (25)]
10.Na3N -0.78/18
[10.Qd3= -0.10/20 remains equal.]
[10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Qh5 Rg6 12.Qxh7 Be6 13.Na3 Bxc4 14.Nxc4 Ne2+ 15.Kh1 Qd4 16.Rad1 Qxe4 17.Rf3 b6 18.c3 Nf4 19.Ne3 Ke7 20.Rxf4

Qxe3 21.Rff1 Qe4 22.Qh3 Rh8 23.Rd7+ Ke8 24.Qxh8+ Kxd7 1-0 Dolzhikova,K (2345)-Klek,H (2291) Bielefeld (Women) rapid op 2024 (3)]



10...Be6 0.11/20
[10...Qe7!∓ -0.78/18]
11.c3= Bxc4 White is slightly better.
12.Bxf6 -0.46/22 **gxf6** 0.26/18
[12...Ne2+∓ -0.46/22 13.Kh1 Qxd1 *(13...gxf6 14.Nxc4 Qxd1 15.Raxd1=)* 14.Rfxd1 gxf6 15.Nxc4 Nf4]
13.Nxc4 Ne6 14.Qf3 White has compensation.
[14.Qa4+ Kf8 15.Qb4+ Kg7 16.Qxb7]
[14.Qxd8+ Rxd8 15.Rxf6 Rg4=]
14...Qe7 15.Ne3 0-0-0 16.Nd5 Qc5+ 17.Kh1 Nf4! 18.b4
[18.Nxf4 exf4 19.Qxf4 Qg5 20.Qxg5 fxg5 21.Rxf7 Rd2 22.b3]
18...Qd6 19.Rad1 Qe6
[19...Nxd5 simplifies 20.Rxd5 Qe6 21.h3 Rg6]
20.Rd2
[20.a4 looks sharper. a6 21.Nxf4 exf4 22.Rxd8+ Kxd8 23.Qxf4 Rg4 24.Qxf6+ Qxf6 25.Rxf6 Rxe4 26.Kg1]
20...c6 21.Nxf4 exf4 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.Qxf4 Endgame KQR-KQR **23...Rd3 24.Qh4**
[24.Qxf6? Qxf6 *(24...Qxe4 25.Qxf7 Rd7 26.Qf8+ Kc7 27.h3±)* 25.Rg1 Qxc3-+ *(25...Rxc3? 26.a4-+)*]
24...Rxc3 25.h3 Qe5 0.51/22
[25...Rc4= 0.00/22]
26.Qxh7±
[26.Rxf6? Rc1+]

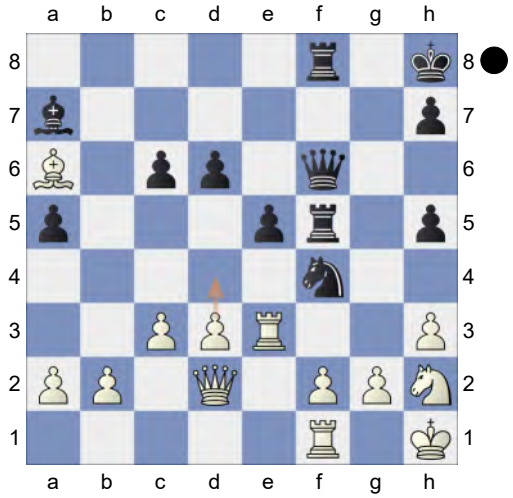


and Qg8+ would now be decisive Black cannot hold the game after this.
26...Rc2? 4.54/19
[Black should try 26...Rd3± 0.69/20]
27.Qg8++-
[Less strong is 27.Qxf7 Qxe4 28.Qg7 *(28.Qxf6? Qxg2#; 28.Qg8+ Kc7±)* 28...Rd2±]
27...Kc7 28.Qxf7+ Kb6 29.Qxf6
[29.Rxf6? is the wrong capture. Qg3-+ *(29...Qxe4 30.Rf3=)*]
29...Qg3 6.93/18
[⌓29...Qb5 4.00/20 30.a3 Qd3]
30.Qf3 Qg5 31.a4 a5 32.bxa5+ Kxa5 7.97/21
[⌓32...Ka7 4.11/19 33.a6 Rc1 34.axb7 Rxf1+ 35.Qxf1 Kxb7 36.Qf7+ Ka6 37.Qc4+ Kb7 38.Qb3+

Kc7]
33.Qf5+ Qxf5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.74
34.exf5
1-0

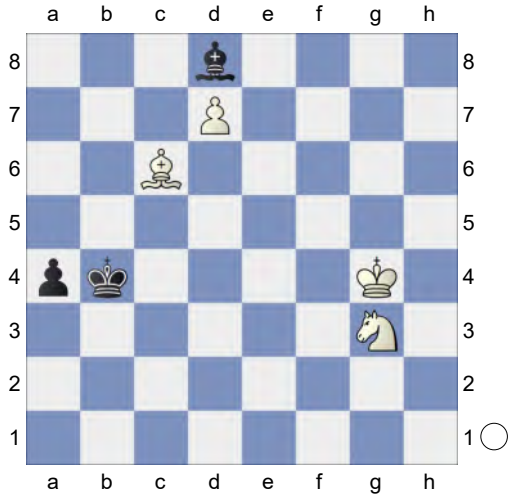
110 **C54**
□ **FaustiOro** **2928**
■ **TemurKuybokarov** **2908**
Blitz 27.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.c3**
[6.a4 a6 7.c3 Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Re8 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b4 d5 13.Qc2 d4 14.Bb2 Nh5 15.b5 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Nb3 Qd8 20.g3 Rh6 0-1 Lunacek,J (2702)-Ferri, S (2732) Chicago op 19th 2010 (11)]
6...a5 7.Nbd2 Ba7N
[7...0-0 8.h3 Ba7 9.Re1 Ne7 10.Nf1 c6 11.Ng3 b5 12.Bb3 a4 13.Bc2 Ng6 14.d4 h6 15.Be3 Be6 16.Qd2 Re8 17.a3 Qe7 18.Rad1 Qf8 19.Qc1 Rad8 20.Qb1 Bb8 21.Qc1 d5 22.dxe5 0-1 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Caruana,F (2766) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Feb Late blitz 2023 (10) Nxe4 23.Bxe4 dxe4 24.Nxe4 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Rd8 26.Bc5 Rxd1+ 27.Qxd1 Qe8 28.Nd6 Qd7 29.Qd4 Bd5 30.Nh2 f6 31.f4 fxe5 32.fxe5 Qe6 33.Ng4 h5 34.Ne3 Nxe5 35.Ndf5 Kh7 36.Nxd5 Qxf5 37.Ne3 0-1 Yugoslav Qa5 (2572)-Deslandes,P (2766) (m/1) 78/295 2000 (10)]
8.Re1 Ng4 The position is equal. **9.Re2 0-0 10.h3 Nh6** 0.92/20
[10...Nf6± 0.37/20]
11.Nf1± Kh8 12.Ng3 White is more active. **12...f5 13.Bxh6**
[13.Bg5 looks sharper. Qd7 14.Bxh6 f4 15.Nf5]
13...gxh6 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.Nxf5 Rxf5 16.Bd5 Qf6 17.Qd2 -0.38/22
[17.d4± 0.82/20]
17...Rf8 -0.01/21
[17...Ne7!∓ -0.38/22 18.Be4 *(18.Bxb7 Rg8±)* 18...Rf4]
18.Rf1 Ne7 19.Bxb7 -2.69/19
[19.Be4!= -0.07/20 and White is okay. Rf4 20.Nh2 *(20.Bxb7 Rb8∓)*]
19...c6 -1.56/20
[Black should play 19...d5-+ -2.69/19 20.Nh2 Qb6]
20.Nh2∓ h5 Repels Ng4. Threatens to win with ...d5. **21.Ba6?** -4.03/23
[21.d4∓ -1.36/18 exd4 22.Kh1 *(22.Nf3? Rxf3 23.cxd4 Bxd4-+)*]
21...Ng6 22.Kh1 -4.93/20
[⌓22.d4 -3.30/21 Nf4 23.Bd3]
22...Nf4-+ 23.Re3

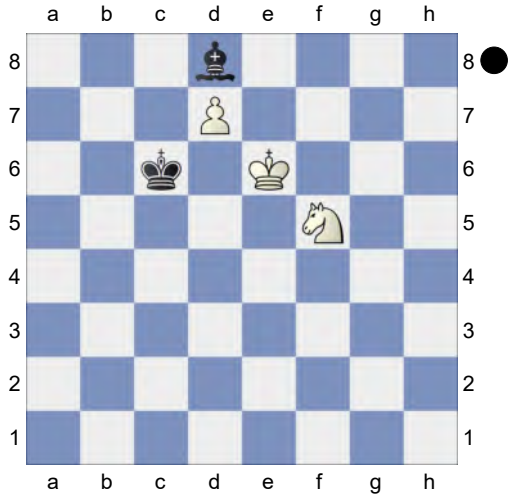


Nxg2! Discovered Attack **24.Rg3 Nh4**
[24...Bxf2? 25.Rxg2 d5 26.Qe2+-]
25.d4 exd4 26.Bd3 -5.83/22
[⌓26.f4 -4.15/23 Qf7 *(26...Rxf4 27.Rxf4 Qxf4 28.Qxf4-+)* 27.b3]

26...dxc3
[26...Rxf2 27.Rxf2 Qxf2 28.Qh6±]
27.bxc3 Rxf2 28.Rxf2 Qxf2 29.Qxf2 Rxf2 30.Nf1 Rxa2? 0.33/21
[30...h6-+ -7.76/21 31.a4 Rb2]
31.Bc4⩲ Rg2! 32.Rxg2 Nxg2 33.Kxg2 Kg7 0.65/26
[33...a4!= 0.28/27]
34.Bb3!
[34.Ng3 d5 35.Bb3 *(35.Nxh5+ Kh6∓)* 35...h4±]
34...Kf6 35.Kf3 Ke5 36.Ng3 0.17/26
[36.Ba4± 0.71/24]
36...h4 37.Ne2 d5 38.Nf4 Kd6 39.Ng2 c5 40.Nxh4 c4 41.Ba4 0.12/24
[41.Bc2!⩲ 0.51/23]
41...Ke5 42.Ke2 0.06/23
[42.Bc2⩲ 0.44/24 might be stronger.]
42...Kf4 0.82/25
[42...d4= 0.06/23]
43.Nf3 Kg3 0.98/25
[43...Bc5⩲ 0.48/23 44.Nh2 *(44.Bc6 Ke4+-)* 44...h5]
44.h4±
[44.Bc6 Kxh3 45.Bxd5 Kg3+-]
44...Bb8? 2.46/24
[44...Kf4± 0.87/24 45.Bc6 Bb6]
45.Bc6+- d4 3.21/24
[⊼45...Bc7 2.24/26 46.h5 *(46.Bxd5 h5+-)* 46...Kg4]
46.cxd4 Bd6 4.40/24
[⊼46...c3 3.08/24 47.Kd3 c2 48.Kxc2 Ba7]
47.Be4 2.61/24
[⊼47.Ne5 4.40/24]
47...h6 3.97/27
[47...h5 2.61/24 was called for. 48.Bc6 c3]
48.Bc2 Kf4 49.Nd2 c3 50.Ne4 Bb4 5.75/26
[⊼50...Be7 4.07/25 51.h5 *(51.Nxc3 Bxh4 52.Kd3 Bd8+-)* 51...Kg4]
51.Kd3 Kg4 52.Nxc3 Kxh4 53.Nd5 Bd6 54.Ke4 Kg5 55.Ne3 h5 56.Nf5 Inhibits h4. **56...Bb4** 6.85/25
[56...Bb8 2.52/28 57.Ne3 h4]
57.d5 Kf6 58.Ba4 Bc5 59.d6 Bb6 60.d7 Ke6 61.Nd4+ Kd6 62.Nf5+? -0.01/28
[62.Kf5+- 6.66/30 aiming for Kg5!. h4 63.Kg4]
62...Kc7? 11.19/27
[62...Ke6= -0.01/28 63.Ng7+ Kd6 64.Nxh5 Ke6 65.Nf4+ Kd6]
63.Ng7 h4 64.Ne6+ Kd6 65.Ng5? 2.55/25
[65.d8N h3 66.Kf3 Ke7=]
[65.d8Q+ 7.02/28 Bxd8 66.Nxd8]
65...Ke7? 6.97/32
[65...Kc5 2.55/25 66.Ke5 Bc7+ 67.Ke4 Bb6]
66.Kf3 Kf6 67.Kg4 Bd8 68.Nh3
[Not 68.Kxh4 Kf5=]
68...Kg6 69.Nf4+ Kf6 70.Ng2 Ke5 71.Nxh4 Kd6 72.Nf5+ Kc5 73.Ng3 Kb4 74.Bc6 a4? 6.48/26
[74...Kc5 3.73/26 75.Be4 *(75.Ba4 Kb4+-)* 75...Kd6]



75.Bxa4? 0.18/27 **Kxa4** Endgame KB-KN. White is a pawn up. **76.Kf5 Kb5 77.Ke6 Kc6 78.Nf5 Bg5 79.Ng7 Bd8 80.Nf5**

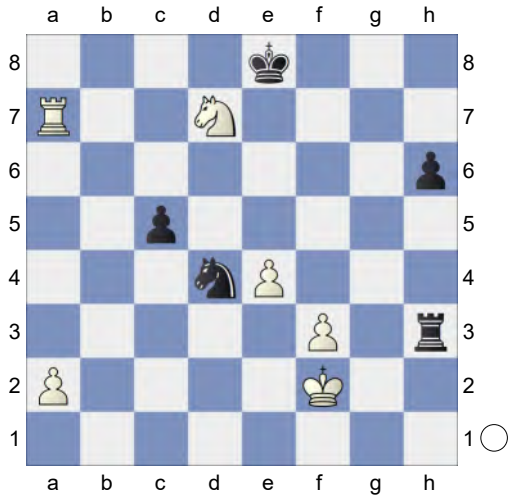


Bh4? #10/22 **81.Ne7+?** 0.75/25
[81.Nxh4 #10/22 Kc7 82.Ke7 Kc6 83.d8Q *(83.d8B Kb7+-)* 83...Kc5 84.Qd3 Kc6 85.Qc4+ Kb7 86.Qb5+ Ka8 87.Kd8 Ka7 88.Kc8 Ka8 89.Qb8#]
81...Kc7± 82.Nd5+ Kd8 83.Nf4 Bg5 84.Ng6 Be7? #9/20 **85.Ne5?** 0.39/38
[85.Nxe7 #9/20 mates Kc7 86.Nc6 Promotion Kxc6 87.d8Q *(87.d8B Kc5=)* 87...Kc5 88.Qd3 Kc6 89.Qd5+ Kb6 90.Kd6 Ka7 91.Qb5 Ka8 92.Kc7 Ka7 93.Qb7#]
85...Bc5? #9/24
[85...Bh4± 0.39/38]
A wild game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/Black=0.61 **86.Nf7+**
1-0

111 **C55**
□ **Drvitman** **2908**
■ **Indian_CyberSecurity** **2609**
Rapid 03.07.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Bg5 0-0** 0.17/25
[7...Qe7∓ -0.33/23]
8.f4= d6 9.Nc3
[9.f5 h6 10.Bh4 Bd7 11.c3 Nc6 12.Qd2 Nxe4 13.Qe1 Nf6 14.Nd2 Kh7 15.Ne4 Na5 16.Nxf6+ gxf6 17.Be2 Bc6 18.b4 Rg8 19.Rf2 e4 20.Bg3 e3 21.Rf1 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Nc6 23.Kh1 Qe7 1-0 Li,Y (1546)-Radenkovic,L (1675) Wch U12 Girls 2024 (2)]
9...Ne6 0.93/25
[9...c6!= 0.03/21]
10.fxe5 White is better. **10...dxe5 11.Qxd8N**
[11.Bxf6 Qxd1 12.Raxd1 gxf6 13.Nd5 c6 14.Nxf6+ Kh8 15.Ng4 b5 16.Bb3 a5 17.Nxe5 a4 18.Nxf7+ Kg8 19.Nh6+ Kg7 20.Nf5+ Kh8 21.Bxe6 Bxe6 22.a3 c5 23.Rd6 Bc4 24.Re1 Rad8 25.e5 Rxd6 1-0 Miricanac,A-Langhammer,B Reichenbach Club-ch 1996 (5) 26.Nxd6 Be6 27.Rf1 Rxf1+ 28.Kxf1 Kg7 29.Kf2 b4 30.Ke3 Kg6 31.Kf4 Bd5 32.g4 h6 33.h4 Bg2 34.Ne4 Bxe4 35.Kxe4 Kf7 36.Kf5 1-0 Tay Chong Thai,T-Levacher,A 48/466 Palma de Mallorca 1989 (5)]
11...Rxd8 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Rxf6 Rd4 1.02/24
[13...c6!± 0.43/24]
14.Bb3!↑ Keeping Black busy. **14...Bd7** 1.53/24
[14...c5 0.83/24]
15.Raf1 Rf8 16.R6f5! c5 17.Bd5 0.90/23
[17.Rxe5 c4 18.Ba4 Bxa4 19.Nxa4 Rfd8]
[⌂17.Bxe6 1.26/23 Bxe6 18.Rg5+ *(18.Rxe5 b6±)* 18...Kh8 19.Rxe5]
17...b5 1.37/23
[17...Rd2 0.90/23]
18.Rxe5 b4 19.Nd1 Rd2 2.64/19

[19...Bb5± 1.22/20 20.Re1 Nf4]
20.Ne3+- Re2 21.Rf3 Nd4? 4.57/20
[21...a5 2.55/18 22.h4 a4]
22.Rg3+? 1.36/19
[22.Rg5++- 4.57/20 Kh8 23.Rxf7 *(23.Rfg3 Re1+ 24.Kf2 Re2+ 25.Kg1 Rd2=)* 23...Rxf7 24.Bxf7 Re1+ 25.Kf2 *(25.Nf1 h6+-)* 25...h5 *(25...Re2+ 26.Kf1 h5 27.Nd5)* 26.Kxe1 Be6 27.Rxh5+ *(27.Bxh5 Kh7+-)* 27...Kg7 28.Bxe6 Nxe6 29.Nf5+ Kf6 30.Nh4]
22...Kh8± 23.c3 0.27/20
[23.Bc4!± 1.39/22]
23...bxc3 0.83/17
[23...Re1+= 0.27/20 remains equal. 24.Kf2 Re2+ 25.Kf1 bxc3 26.bxc3 Bb5]
24.bxc3 Nc6 2.18/19
[24...Re1+]
25.Reg5+- Ne7 26.Bc4 Discovered Attack **26...Re1+ 27.Kf2 Rc1 28.h4** 1.18/17
[28.Rxc5?! Rxc3 29.Rc7 f5 30.exf5 *(30.Rxd7 f4+-)* 30...Nxf5+-]
[28.Rf3+- 2.93/20 is more deadly.]
28...Rxc3± 29.h5 0.82/20 Against Ng6
[⌓29.Rf3 1.18/21]
29...Be6 1.49/20
[Black should try 29...h6 0.82/20 30.Rxc5 f5 31.exf5 Nxf5]
30.Bxe6!
[30.Rxc5?! Nc8 31.Rc6 Nb6=]
30...fxe6+ 31.Rf3 Rxf3+ 2.81/22
[31...Rg8± 1.27/17 32.Rxg8+ *(32.Re5 Nc6=)* 32...Nxg8]
32.gxf3 Endgame KRN-KRN
[32.Kxf3 h6 33.Rg3 e5±]
32...Nc6? 4.71/22
[32...Ra3 2.65/17 is a better defense. 33.Ng4 *(33.Rxc5 Kg7+-)* 33...Rxa2+ 34.Kg3 Ra1 35.Rxc5 Kg7]
33.Ng4 Nd4 34.Ne5 h6 35.Rg6 Kh7 4.20/21
[35...c4 1.89/18 36.Rxh6+ Kg7 37.Rg6+ Kh7]
36.Kg3? 0.82/21
[36.Nd7+- 4.20/21 Threatening mate with Nf6+. Rxf3+ 37.Ke1]
36...Ne2+ 37.Kg4 Rc1! 38.Rxe6 0.00/26
[38.f4!± 0.60/28]
38...Rg1+= 39.Kh4 Rh1+! 40.Kg4 Rg1+ 41.Kh3 Rh1+ 0.63/31
[41...Nf4+= 0.00/25 42.Kh2 Rg2+ 43.Kh1 Rxa2 44.Re7+ Kg8]
42.Kg2!± Rxh5 1.44/21
[42...Nf4+!± 0.39/20 43.Kxh1 Nxe6]
43.Re7+± Kg8 44.Ng4 White is more active. **44...Nf4+ 45.Kg3 Ne2+ 46.Kf2 Nd4 47.Rxa7 Rh3 48.Nf6+**
[48.Kg2?! Rxf3 49.Nxh6+ Kh8±]
48...Kf8 49.Nd7+ Ke8 2.26/18
[49...Kg8± 1.41/19]



50.Ne5!+-
[Inferior is 50.Nxc5 Rxf3+ 51.Kg2 Rc3±]
50...Rh2+

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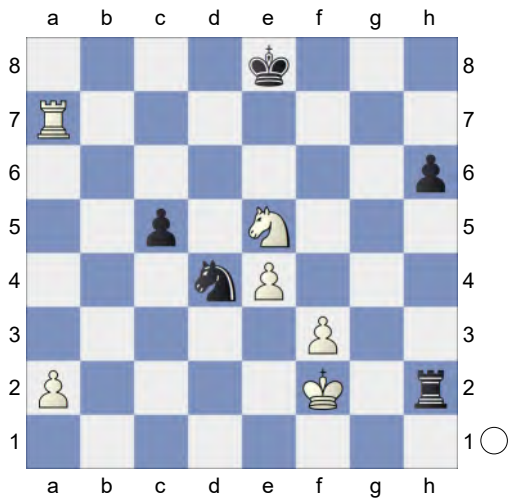
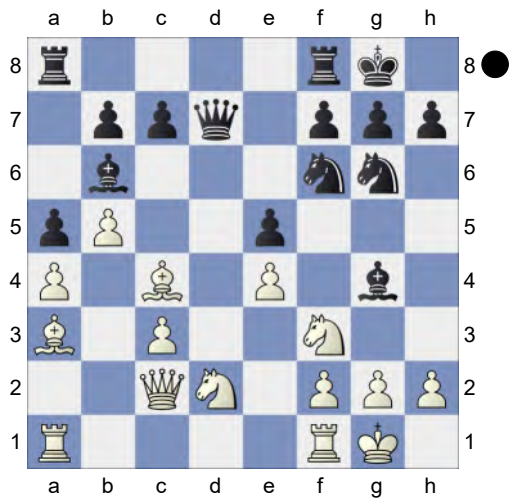


51.Kg3! Rc2 52.f4 Ne2+? 3.76/20
[52...Re2± 1.52/18]
53.Kg4 h5+ 54.Kg5
[Not 54.Kxh5 Nxf4+ 55.Kg5 Ne2±]
54...Ng3 55.Ng6? 0.21/18
[55.Ra8++- 2.91/18 Ke7 56.Ng6+ Kd7 57.e5]
55...Nxe4+= 56.Kxh5 Strongly threatening Re7+. Black is now going downhill. **56...c4?** 4.29/16
[56...Nd6= 0.11/20]
57.Re7++- Kd8 58.Rxe4 KRN-KR **58...Rc1 59.Kg5 c3 60.Rc4 c2 61.Kf6 Kd7 62.a4 Kd6 63.a5 Kd5 64.Rc8 Kd4 65.a6 Kd3 66.Ne5+ Kd2 67.Nc4+ Kd3 68.Nb2+ Kd2 69.Rd8+ Kc3 70.Na4+ Kb3 71.Nc5+ Kb2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/ Black=0.57 **72.Nd3+**
1-0

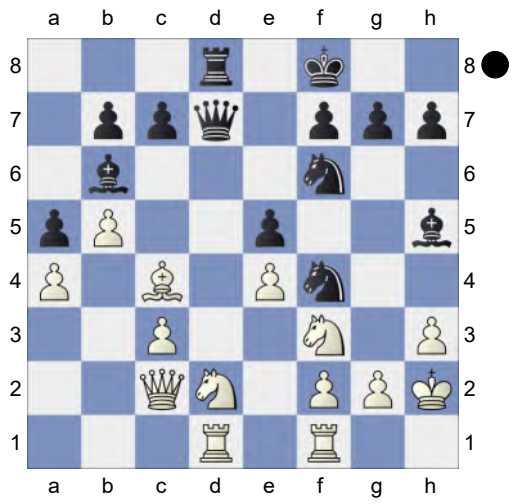
112 **C54**
□ **AKS-Mantissa** **2885**
■ **tomlesspit** **3138**
Rapid 26.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 7min+5sec C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...d6N
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3)]
6.b4 Bb6 7.a4 a5 8.b5 Ne7 9.Nbd2 Ng6 10.0-0 0-0 11.d4 Bg4 12.Qc2 Qd7 13.dxe5 The position is equal.
13...dxe5
[13...Nxe5 simplifies 14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.h3 Be6]
14.Ba3

(Diagram)

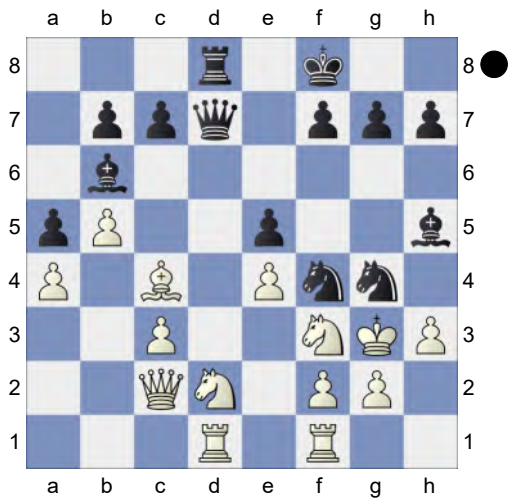


Bh5! 15.Bxf8 Kxf8 16.h3 -0.49/22
[16.g3= -0.01/22 deserves consideration.]
16...Nf4!∓ Black has compensation.
17.Kh2 Rd8 18.Rad1!
[18.Nxe5? Qxd2 19.Qxd2 Rxd2-+]

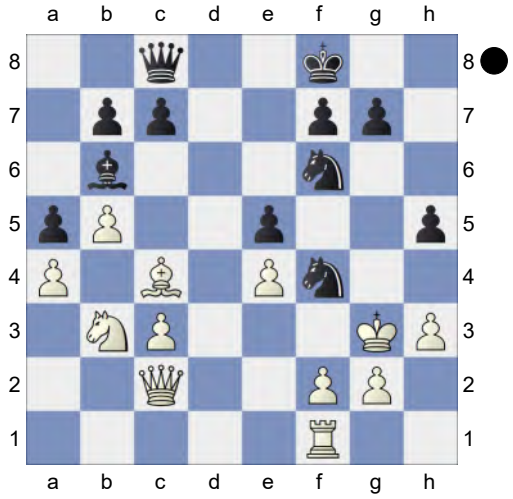


18...Ng4+ Double Attack **19.Kg3**

(Diagram)



Qc8! 20.Nb3 and Rxd8+ should not be overlooked **20...Rxd1 21.Qxd1 Nf6!** White does not recover from this.
22.Qc2? -2.68/21
[22.Nbd2∓ -0.48/20]
22...Bxf3-+ 23.Kxf3 h5! 24.Kg3



Ng4! A dynamic duo of knights. **25.Nd4**
[25.hxg4? Qxg4+ 26.Kh2 Qxg2#]
25...exd4 26.Kxf4

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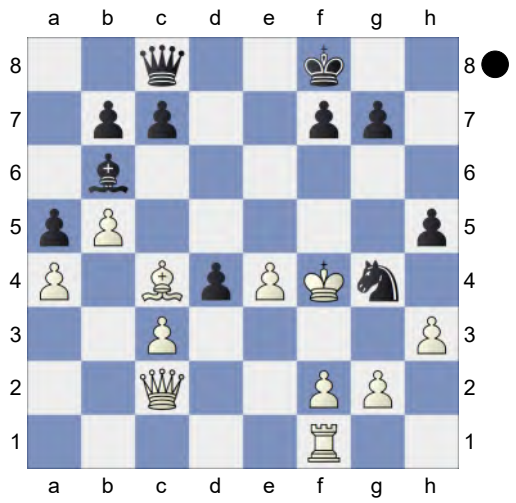
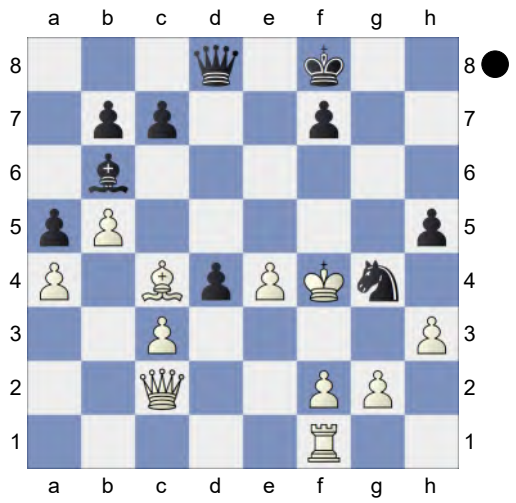


g5+! Decoy **27.Kxg5 Qd8+! 28.Kf4**



d3! 29.Bxd3

[29.Qxd3? Qf6+ *(29...Nxf2 30.Qxd8+ Kg7 31.Rxf2 Bxf2 32.Qd5 Kh8 33.Qxf7)* 30.Kg3 Bxf2+ 31.Rxf2 Qxf2#]

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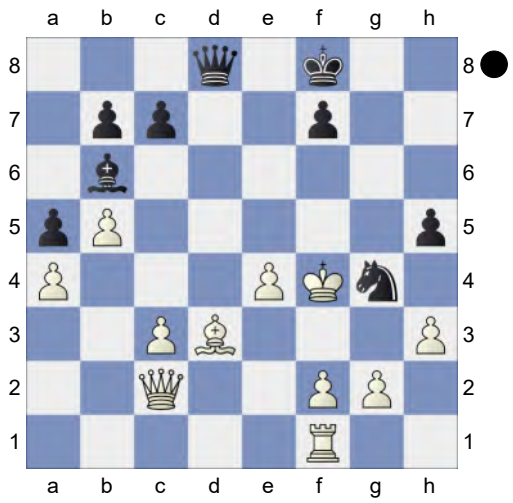
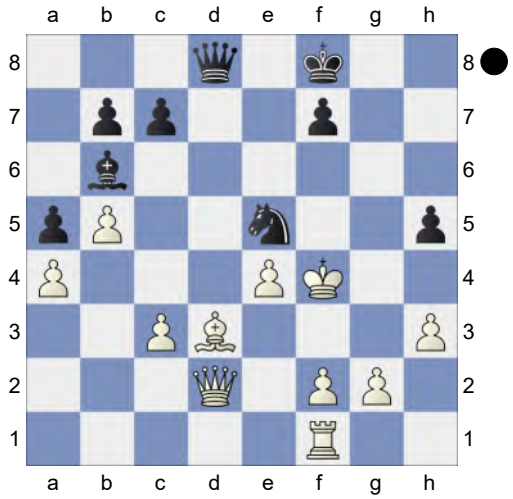


29...Ne5 (→ ...h4!). Decoy **30.Qd2?** -7.66/26

[30.Kxe5? Qg5#]

[30.Be2 is a self mate. h4 31.Bg4 Qf6+ 32.Bf5 Qh6+ 33.Kxe5 Qd6#]

[30.Kg3 -2.54/24 h4+ *(30...Nxd3 31.Qd2∓; 30...Qxd3+ 31.Qxd3 Nxd3 32.Kh4∓)* 31.Kh2 Qxd3 *(31...Nxd3? 32.Rd1+-)* 32.Qxd3 Nxd3 33.g3]



30...h4! 31.Kf5 Inhibits Qf6+. **31...Qd6**

[31...Qxd3 32.Rd1 Qxd2 33.Rxd2=]

32.Qg5 Nxd3

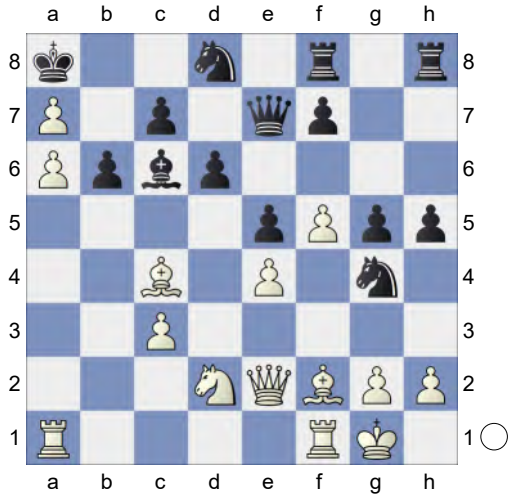
[32...Qxd3 33.Kxe5 Qxf1 34.Qd8+ Kg7 35.Qg5+ Kf8 36.Qd8+ Kg7 37.Qf6+ Kg8 38.Qd8+ Kg7=]

33.Kg4 Nxf2+ 34.Kxh4 Nxe4 35.Qf4

Qe6
[35...Nxc3 36.Qxf7#]
36.Qf5 Qh6+ 37.Kg4 Qg7+ Skewer, Double Attack
[And not 37...Nxc3 38.Qxf7#]
38.Kf4 Qxg2 39.Rf3 Nd2 40.Qc8+ Ke7 41.Qxb7 Qxf3+ 42.Qxf3 Nxf3 43.Kxf3 Endgame **43...Kd6 44.Kg4 Kc5 45.h4 Kc4 46.h5 Kxc3** and ...Kb4 should not be overlooked. KB-K3P **47.Kf5 Bd4 48.b6 Bxb6** KB-KPP **49.Kf6 Bd4+ 50.Kxf7 c5 51.h6 c4 52.h7 Kd3 53.Kg8 Ke4 54.Kf8 c3 55.Ke8 c2 56.h8Q Bxh8** KB-KP **57.Ke7 c1Q 58.Kd6 Qc8** (→ ...Be5+) **59.Ke7 Kd5** Black mates. **60.Kf7 Qe6+ 61.Kf8 Qd7 62.Kg8** Weighted Error Value: White=1.15/Black=0.05 (flawless) **62...Qg7#**
0-1

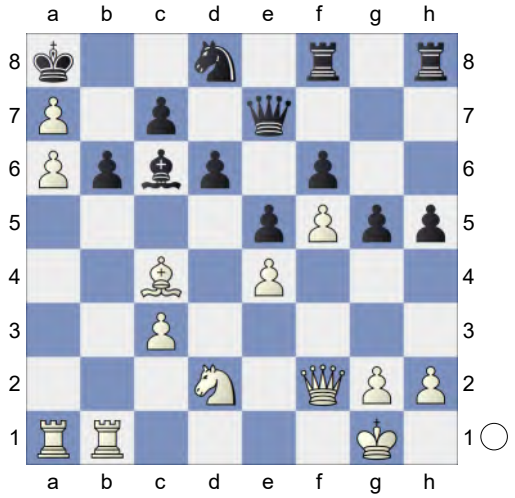
113 **C55**
□ **Syaifullah_Yusuf** **2881**
■ **Wildindian** **2758**
Blitz 12.02.2020
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Bg5 d6 8.f4! Qe7** 0.37/21
[8...c6= -0.17/22]
9.f5 White has compensation. **9...Bd7 10.c3** White is slightly better. **10...Nc6 11.b4 h6 12.Bh4 0-0-0** 1.54/22
[Black should play 12...Nb8± 0.37/22]
13.Nd2N
[13.a4 Rhf8 14.Qe2 King'S Pawn Game-Deutz/Abdusattorov Gambit Gambits for White: King's Pawn Game - D]
13...Rdf8 1.65/20
[13...Qe8± 1.24/21 was necessary.]
14.a4+- g5 15.Bf2 Kb8 16.a5 h5 2.68/22
[⊼16...Qd8 1.91/21 17.b5 Ne7]
17.b5 Nd8 18.b6 Bc6 19.Qe2
[19.bxa7+?! Ka8±]
19...Ng4 20.bxa7+
[20.bxc7+?! Qxc7 21.Bg3 Nf6±]
20...Ka8 21.a6 1.17/16
[21.Bd5+- 2.07/21]
21...b6±



22.Rfb1 0.73/17
[22.Bd5!+- 1.80/21 and White stays clearly on top.]
22...Nxf2
[22...Kxa7? loses. 23.Bd5]
23.Qxf2 and Bd5 would now be decisive
23...f6

(Diagram)



Now White is beyond hope. **24.Rxb6??** -3.10/20 **cxb6-+ 25.Qxb6 Qxa7 26.Rb1 Qxb6+ 27.Rxb6 Ka7 28.Rb3 Rh7 29.Kf2 Rc7** Black is clearly winning. **30.Be2 d5 31.exd5 Bxd5 32.c4 Ba8 33.Bxh5 Nc6 34.Bd1 Nd4 35.Rh3 Rb8 36.Rh6 Rb2 37.Ke1 Nxf5 38.Rxf6 Ne3 39.Ba4 Nxg2+ 40.Kd1 Rb6 41.Rf2 Ne3+ 42.Ke2 Nxc4 43.Rf8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/Black=0.15 (very precise) **43...Rb2 0-1**

114 **C55**
□ **ManuDavid2910** **2877**
■ **Violet_Pride** **2864**
Blitz 04.05.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Qe7 10.Na3 Be6** 0.21/25
[Black should try 10...a6∓ -0.64/22]
11.c3= Bxc4 12.Bxf6 The position is equal. **12...gxf6 13.Nxc4 Ne6 14.Kh1** -0.24/20
[⊼14.b4 0.19/20 Rg8 15.Rf2 Ng5 16.Qa4+ c6 17.Re2 Rd8 18.Qxa7 Qd7 19.Qe3 Qd3 20.Qxd3 Rxd3 21.Rc1 Ke7 22.a4 Nh3+ 23.Kf1 Nf4 24.Rec2 Rgd8 25.Nb2 Rd2 26.Nc4 R2d7 27.Ne3 Rd3 28.Nf5+ Ke6 29.g3 0-1 Bolon,K (2018)-Monpeurt,C (2166) FRA-chT Top 12 2019 (8.8)]
[14.Ne3 Qc5 15.Qe1 0-0-0 16.Kh1 Nf4 17.g3 Rd3 18.Nf5 Ne6 19.Qe2 Rhd8 20.Nd4 R3xd4 21.cxd4 exd4 22.Rad1 Qe7 23.e5 fxe5 24.Qxe5 Kb8 25.Qe4 h5 26.Rf5 Qd7 27.Rdf1 Qd6 28.b4 a6 0-1 Nowroozian,N (2723)-Logan,T (2741) 3: St Edmunds 2003 (25)]
14...Rg8N 0.94/23
[14...Qc5!= -0.24/20 15.Qb3 *(15.Na3 Rg8 16.Rxf6 Nf4 17.Rf5 Qf2 18.Qf3 Qxb2 19.Rxe5+ Ne6 20.Rf1 0-0-0 21.Ra5 Rd3 22.g3 Rxf3 23.Rxf3 Qc1+ 24.Kg2 Nf4+* 0-1 2.c4 e5-Kollberg,L Olympiad-01 London 1927 (1) *)* 15...0-0-0]
[14...Nc5 15.Qg4 Nd7 16.Ne3 0-0-0 17.Nd5 Qe6 18.Qh4 a6 19.h3 Kb8 20.Rf3 c6 21.Nxf6 Nxf6 22.Rxf6 Qc4 23.Raf1 Rd7 24.Qg4 Rhd8 25.Qf5 Re7 26.Qxh7 Qxa2 27.R1f2 Rdd7 28.Kh2 Qc4 29.h4 1-0 Kjoita,T-Ji,J Grodzisk Mazowiecki 103/(30) 2007 (2) c5 30.h5 Qd3 31.h6 Qd1 32.Qg8+ Rd8 33.h7 Qh5+ 34.Kg1 Ree8 35.Qxf7 Qh4 36.Qg6 Rh8 37.Rf7 Rd1+ 38.Rf1 Rxf1+ 39.Kxf1 Qh1+ 40.Ke2 Rd8 41.Qg8 Qd1+ 42.Kf2 Qd2+ 43.Kg3 Qe3+ 44.Rf3 1-0 Keiling,L-Fredouille,P FRA-ch25 Besancon 1949 (2)]
15.Ne3± White has strong compensation. **15...Nf4** 3.09/22
[15...Qd6± 0.83/22]
16.g3+- Qc5 17.Ng4 0.85/21
[17.Qf3+- 2.76/22 and the rest is

easy.]

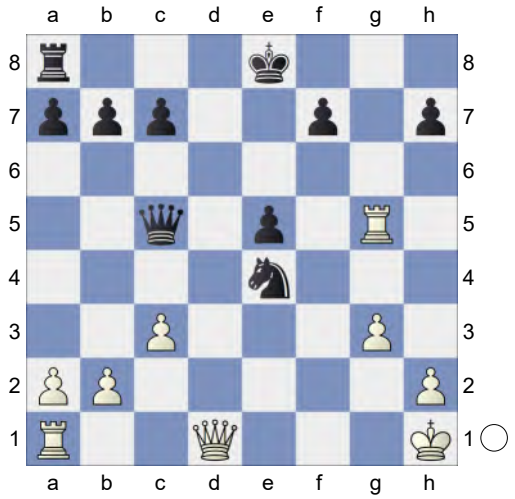
17...Nh5? 3.16/22

[17...Qc6± 0.85/21 was called for. 18.Qf3 *(18.gxf4? Qxe4+ 19.Qf3 Qxf3+* Remove Defender *20.Rxf3 Rxg4∓)* 18...Qe6]

18.Rf5!

[18.Nxf6+ Nxf6 19.Rxf6 a5±]

18...Rg5 19.Nxf6+ Remove Defender **19...Nxf6 20.Rxg5 Nxe4**



21.Qh5? -0.21/23 **Nxg5= 22.Qxg5** Endgame KQR-KQR. Black is a pawn up. **22...Qd5+ 23.Kg1 Kd7 24.Qg4+ Kc6 25.Rd1 Qc5+**

[25...Qxa2 26.Qe4+ Kb6 27.b4+- *(27.Qe3+ Ka6=)*]

26.Kg2 Kb6 27.Qf5 Re8 28.Qxf7 Re7 0.44/22

[28...Qc6+= 0.05/21 29.Qd5 Re6]

29.Qf6+ 0.01/22

[29.Qb3+± 0.44/22 is superior. Qb5 30.Qxb5+ Kxb5 31.Rd8]

29...c6 30.Rd6 Rc7

[30...Rf7!? 31.Qxf7 Qxd6=]

31.Qd8 Qc4 32.Rd2 Qe4+ 33.Kf1 -1.40/26

[33.Kh3= 0.00/30]

33...Qf5+ 0.00/27

[33...Qh1+∓ -1.40/26 34.Ke2 Qxh2+ 35.Kf3 Qh1+ 36.Kf2 e4 37.Qd4+ c5 38.Qd6+ Rc6]

34.Ke1 e4 35.b4 Qe5 36.Rd4 a6 37.Qd6 Qxd6 38.Rxd6 KR-KR **38...Rf7 39.Ke2 Rf3 40.c4 Ra3 41.Rh6 Rxa2+ 42.Ke3 Rc2 43.Kd4 e3** Deflection **44.Kxe3** -1.22/24

[44.Rxh7= 0.03/24 remains equal. Rb2 45.c5+ Ka7 46.Kc3]

44...Rxc4∓ 45.Rxh7 Rxb4 46.h4 a5 47.h5 -1.81/23

[47.Rh8∓ -1.32/24]

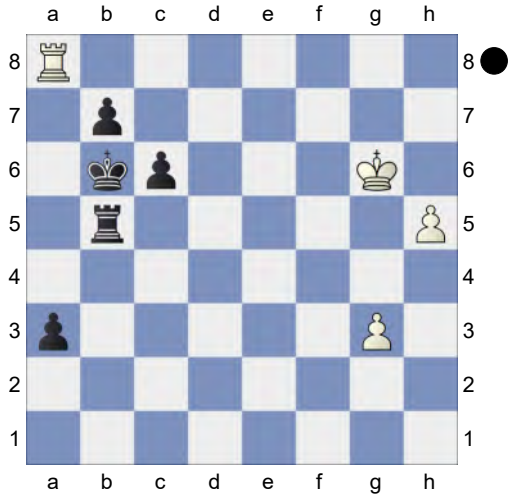
47...a4-+ 48.Rh8 -2.45/25

[⌓48.Rd7 -1.93/23]

48...Rb3+ 49.Kf4 Hoping for Ra8. **49...Rb4+ 50.Kf5?** -6.84/19

[50.Kf3 -2.74/25 Ka7 51.Re8 Rb3+ 52.Kg4]

50...a3 51.Ra8 Rb5+ 52.Kg6



Ra5

[Don't blunder 52...Rb3? 53.g4 Rd3 54.h6 Rd6+ 55.Kh5+-]

53.Re8 a2 54.Re1 a1Q 55.Rxa1 Rxa1 KR-KPP **56.g4 Rh1** ...c5 would now be deadly. **57.g5 c5 58.h6 c4** Black mates. **59.Kg7 c3 60.h7 c2 61.g6 c1Q 62.Kg8 Qc3 63.Kf7 Qc4+ 64.Kf6 Qd4+ 65.Kf7 Rf1+ 66.Kg8 Qd8+ 67.Kg7 Qf6+ 68.Kh6** What a bad dream for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/Black=0.37

68...Rh1#
0-1

115 **C55**
□ **PatriciaBot** **2871**
■ **Euwe-chess-engine** **2575**
Rapid 22.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+2sec C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Bg5 0-0** 0.10/22
[7...h6∓ -0.57/18 8.Be3 Nc6]
[7...d6 8.f4 Be6 9.Nd2 h6 10.fxe5 dxe5 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.c3 Qd6 13.Kh1 Nc6 14.Rxf6 0-0-0 15.Bxe6+ fxe6 16.Rf2 Ne7 17.Qh5 Qb6 18.Raf1 Qxb2 19.Qxe5 Qxa2 20.Nf3 Qc4 21.Nd4 Nc6 22.Qxe6+ 0-1 8.♗d3 ♗b7 9.e4 b4_77255 (2476)-San Segundo Carrillo,P (2548) Paris 1965 (4)]
8.f4= d6 9.Nc3
[9.f5 h6 10.Bh4 Bd7 11.c3 Nc6 12.Qd2 Nxe4 13.Qe1 Nf6 14.Nd2 Kh7 15.Ne4 Na5 16.Nxf6+ gxf6 17.Be2 Bc6 18.b4 Rg8 19.Rf2 e4 20.Bg3 e3 21.Rf1 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Nc6 23.Kh1 Qe7 1-0 Li,Y (1546)-Radenkovic,L (1675) Wch U12 Girls 2024 (2)]

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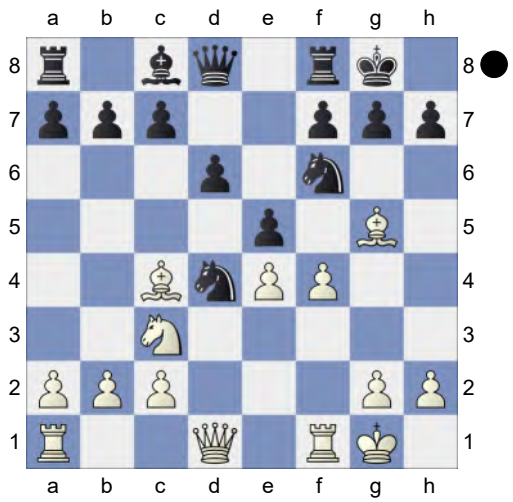
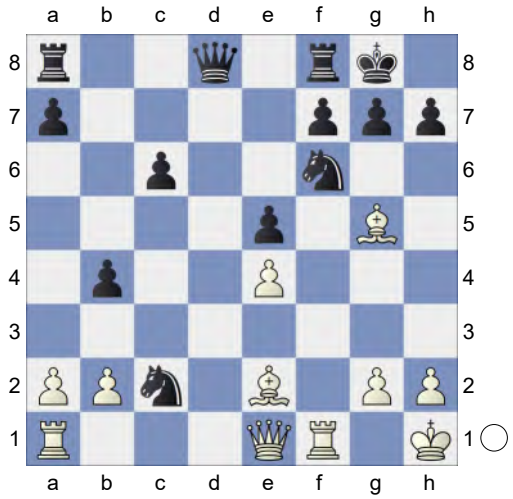


9...c6! 10.Kh1N The position is equal.
[10.fxe5 dxe5 11.Kh1 b5 12.Bd3 Qd6 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Qe1 Kh8 15.Nd1 #6 Theory 1A: 3... Bc5-A: 3... Bc5 7. Bg5]
10...b5 11.Bd3 b4 12.fxe5 dxe5 13.Ne2 Bg4 14.Qe1 Bxe2 15.Bxe2 Nxc2? 2.25/21
[15...Qe7!± 0.32/19]



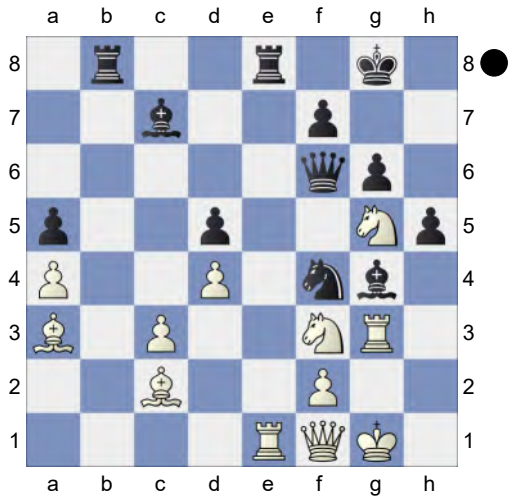
16.Qh4!+- Nxa1 17.Bxf6! Qd2 1.89/22
[17...gxf6-+ -2.18/20 and all is fine. 18.Rf3 Qd2]
White leaves nothing to chance now.
18.Qg4
[18.Bxe5? is the wrong capture. Qxe2 19.Re1 Qd2 20.Rxa1 f6-+]

18...Qh6 2.19/22
[18...g6± 0.96/20]
19.Bg5! This pair of bishops is nice.
19...Qg6 20.Rxa1 f6 21.Be3 Qxg4 22.Bxg4 Rfd8 23.Kg1 White has strong compensation. **23...a5 24.Kf2 Kf7 25.Rc1 Rd6 26.h4 g6 27.h5 Rb8 28.h6 b3 29.a3 Ra8 30.Ke1 Rb8 31.Rc3 Rb7 32.Be2 g5 33.Bh5+ Kg8** 6.01/19
[⮌33...Ke6 4.06/18 34.Bg4+ *(34.Bc5 Rd8+-)* 34...Kf7]
34.Bc5 Rd8 35.Rf3 Rf7 36.a4 Rb8 37.Rd3 Re8 38.Rd6 Ra8 39.Ke2 Rff8 40.Rd7
[Not 40.Rxc6 Rac8 41.Rxc8 Rxc8±]
40...Rab8 41.Kf3 g4+ 42.Kxg4 And now Kf5! would win. **42...Rbc8 43.Kf5 Ra8 44.Bxf8 Rxf8** Endgame KRB-KR **45.Ke6** White mates. **45...Rb8 46.Ke7 Kh8 47.Be8 Kg8 48.Rd3 Kh8 49.Kf7 Rb7+ 50.Kf8 Rb8 51.Rg3 Rxe8+ 52.Kxe8 f5 53.Kf7 fxe4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) / Black=0.80 **54.Rg8#**
1-0

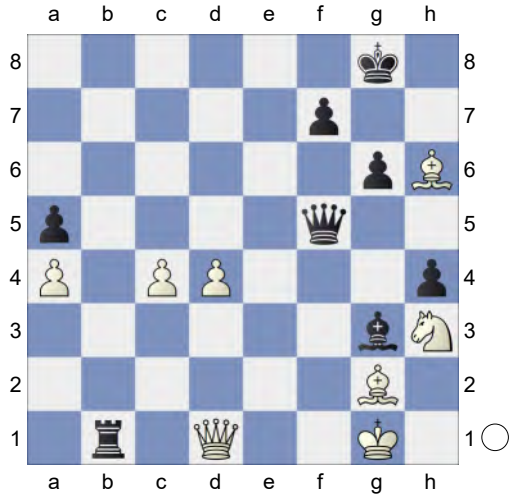
116 **C54**
□ **AKS-Mantissa** **2869**
■ **OlympusCz** **2429**
Rapid 27.02.2025
[Kitty Kat,TA]

Blitz 8min C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...d6N
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3)]
6.b4 Bb6 7.0-0 0-0 8.a4 a5 9.b5 Ne7 10.Nbd2 Ng6 11.Bb3 Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Kh2 Rc8 0.44/18
[13...Kh8= -0.01/18]
14.g4± Nxg4+ 15.hxg4 Bxg4 16.Rg1 h5 17.Qf1! Nf4 18.Rg3 c6! 19.bxc6 bxc6 20.Ba3 Rb8 21.d4 0.01/20
[21.Re1± 0.45/20 is superior.]
21...Re8= 22.Re1 d5! 23.exd5
[23.Nxe5? Rxe5 24.Ree3 dxe4 25.Nxe4 Rd5-+]
23...e4! 24.Nxe4
[24.Rxe4 Rxe4 25.dxc6 *(25.Nxe4 Bxf3* Remove Defender *26.Rxf3 Qh4+ 27.Kg1 Qg4+ 28.Rg3 Ne2+=* Pin, Discovered Attack, Double Attack *)* 25...Re8-+ *(25...Re2? 26.Bc4-+)*]

24...cxd5 25.Neg5 Bc7 26.Bc2 g6! The board is on fire. **27.Kh1** -0.62/26
[27.Rxe8+= 0.01/22 Qxe8 28.Ne5]
27...Qf6∓ 28.Kg1? -2.43/25
[28.Bc1∓ -0.86/24 was worth a try.]



28...Bxf3!-+ 29.Nxf3 And now Ne5! would win. **29...h4** White does not recover from this. **30.Rxe8+** -3.05/23
[30.Rg4∓ -1.31/28 was the only chance. Ne2+ Decoy 31.Rxe2 Qxf3 32.Rxe8+ *(32.Rxh4? too greedy. Qxe2 33.Qc1 Qf3-+)* 32...Rxe8 33.Rxh4]
30...Rxe8 31.Rh3 Re2 32.Bb3 Nxh3+ 33.Qxh3 Bg3! 34.Qc8+? -7.58/24
[34.Bxd5 -3.23/27 Rxf2 *(34...Bxf2+ 35.Kf1±)* 35.Qg4]
34...Kh7 35.Bxd5 Rxf2
[And not 35...Bxf2+ 36.Kf1 Rc2 37.Bxf7 Bxd4 38.Qg8+ Kh6 39.Bd5 Rxc3 *(39...Bxc3 40.Bf8+ Kh5 41.Qh7+ Kg4 42.Qd7+ Qf5 43.Qxf5+ gxf5 44.Bd6=; 39...Rf2+ 40.Ke1=)* 40.Bf8+ Kh5 41.Qh7+ Kg4 42.Qd7+ Kh5 43.Qh7+ Kg4 44.Qd7+ Kh5 45.Kg2 Qxf8 46.Qh7+ Qh6 47.Qe7= *(47.Qxh6+? Kxh6 48.Nxh4 Be5-+)*]
36.Qg4 Qa6 37.c4 Qb6 (→ ...Qb1+) **38.Ng5+ Kg7 39.Qd1** Against Qb1 **39...Qf6 40.Bf8+ Kg8 41.Bh6 Rb2 42.Nh3** Wards off Qf2+ **42...Qf5 43.Bg2 Rb1**

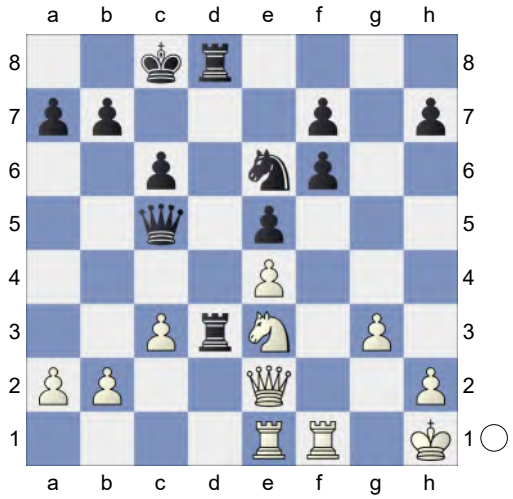


Pin **44.Bc1 Ra1 45.c5 Qb1 46.Bd5 Qxc1 47.Qxc1 Rxc1+** Endgame KRB-KBN **48.Kg2 Kg7 49.Ng1 Bb8 50.Nf3 Rc2+ 51.Kh3 f5 52.Bb3 Rf2 53.Bd5 Bf4** (→ ...g5) **54.Kxh4 Kf6** White must now prevent ...Re2. **55.Bc6 Rg2** (→ ...g5+) **56.Kh3 Rg3+ 57.Kh4 g5+ 58.Nxg5 Rxg5 59.Kh3 Be3 60.d5 Bxc5 61.Bb7 Bd6 62.Ba6 Rg3+ 63.Kh2 Kg5 64.Be2 Kf4 65.Kh1 Ke3** (→ ...Kf2!) **66.Ba6 Kf2** Black mates. **67.Kh2 Rg1+ 68.Kh3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/Black=0.02 (flawless) **68...Rh1#**
0-1

117 **C55**
□ **ManuDavid2910** **2865**
■ **jsl** **2828**
Blitz 13.04.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4**

6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5! Rg8 -0.10/18
[9...Qe7∓ -0.51/17 10.Nd2 Bd7]
[9...Be6 10.Na3 Qe7 11.c3 Bxc4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxc4 Ne6 14.Ne3 Qc5 15.Qe1 0-0-0 16.Kh1 Nf4 17.g3 Rd3 18.Nf5 Ne6 19.Qe2 Rhd8 20.Nd4 R3xd4 21.cxd4 exd4 22.Rad1 Qe7 23.e5 fxe5 24.Qxe5 0-1 Nowroozian,N (2723)-Logan,T (2741) 3: St Edmunds 2003 (25)]
10.Na3N -0.76/18
[10.Qd3= -0.10/18]
[10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Qh5 Rg6 12.Qxh7 Be6 13.Na3 Bxc4 14.Nxc4 Ne2+ 15.Kh1 Qd4 16.Rad1 Qxe4 17.Rf3 b6 18.c3 Nf4 19.Ne3 Ke7 20.Rxf4 Qxe3 21.Rff1 Qe4 22.Qh3 Rh8 23.Rd7+ Ke8 24.Qxh8+ Kxd7 1-0 Dolzhikova,K (2345)-Klek,H (2291) Bielefeld (Women) rapid op 2024 (3)]
10...Be6 0.41/20
[Black should play 10...Qe7!∓ -0.76/18]
11.c3⩲ Bxc4 White has an edge.
12.Nxc4 Ne6 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Qf3
[14.Qxd8+ Rxd8 15.Rxf6 a5±]
[14.Qa4+ Kf8 15.Rad1 Qe7 16.Kh1]
14...Qe7 15.Ne3 White has compensation. **15...c6** 1.36/19
[15...0-0-0= 0.11/20 keeps the balance.]
16.Ng4 0.00/20
[16.Qxf6?! Nf4 17.Qxe7+ Kxe7=]
[16.Rad1!± 1.36/19]
16...Nf4 0.66/21
[16...0-0-0!= 0.00/20]
17.g3 0.00/22
[17.Rad1⩲ 0.66/21]
17...0-0-0!= 18.Kh1 Strongly threatening Nh6!.
[18.gxf4? h5 19.fxe5 Rxg4+ 20.Kh1 Qxe5-+ *(20...fxe5? 21.Qe3∓)*]
18...Rd3 0.76/20
[18...Qe6!= -0.09/18 19.Ne3 Nh3]
19.Ne3± Qc5 20.Rae1 Ne6 21.Qe2
[21.Qxf6 Rxe3 22.Qxf7 Rf8 23.Qxe6+ Kc7 24.Rd1]
21...Rgd8 1.88/19
[21...Rd7!⩲ 0.70/19]

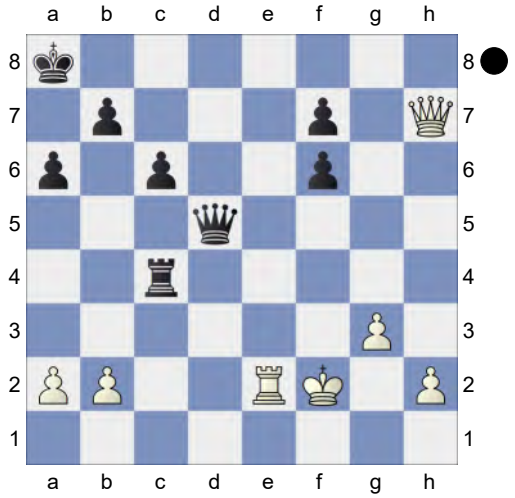


22.Nd5!+- R8xd5
[22...Qc4? 23.b3 *(23.Nxf6 Qb5⩱; 23.Nb4 R3d4+-)* 23...Qc5 24.Qxd3+-]
23.exd5 Qxd5+ 24.Qg2⩲ Qd8 25.Qf2 Ng5 26.c4 0.05/18 Against Qd5+
[26.Qxf6 Qd5+]
[26.Qf5+± 1.26/25 Kb8 27.c4]
26...Nf3= 27.Re3 e4 Decoy **28.Rxe4 Nd2! 29.Qf5+ Kb8 30.Qf4+**
[30.Rf2 simplifies Nxe4 31.Qxe4 h5 32.Kg2]
30...Kc8⇄ Black is not keeping still
31.Qg4+ Rd7
[31...Kc7 feels hotter. 32.Rf2 Nxe4 33.Qxe4 Qd4]
32.Rfe1 -0.48/23
[32.Rf2= 0.00/19 h5 *(32...Nxe4 33.Qxe4 h6 34.Kg2=)* 33.Qf5 Nxe4 34.Qxe4]
32...Nxe4∓ 33.Rxe4 Endgame KQR-

KQR. Black is a pawn up. **33...Kb8 34.Qf4+ Ka8 35.Re2 a6 36.Kg2 Rd4 37.Qf5 Rxc4 38.Qxh7** -1.72/22

[38.Rf2!∓ -0.61/18]

38...Qd5+-+ 39.Kf2

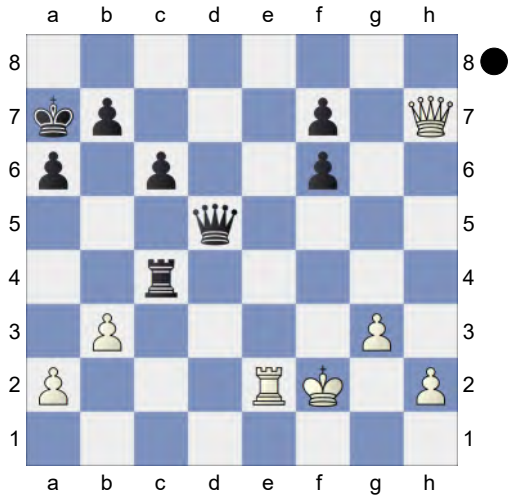


Ka7? -0.94/18

[39...f5!-+ -2.50/18 and Black stays clearly on top. 40.Qh5 Rc5]

40.b3? -2.61/19

[40.Qh6∓ -0.94/18]



40...Rc1? 0.00/19

[40...Rd4!-+ -2.61/19 White must now prevent ...a5. 41.Qc2 c5]

41.Qh6? -5.25/20

[41.Qe4= 0.00/19]

41...Rh1 -2.37/17

[⮌41...Qh1 -5.25/20 42.Qe3+ c5]

42.Qe3+? -4.36/19

[42.h4 -2.37/17]

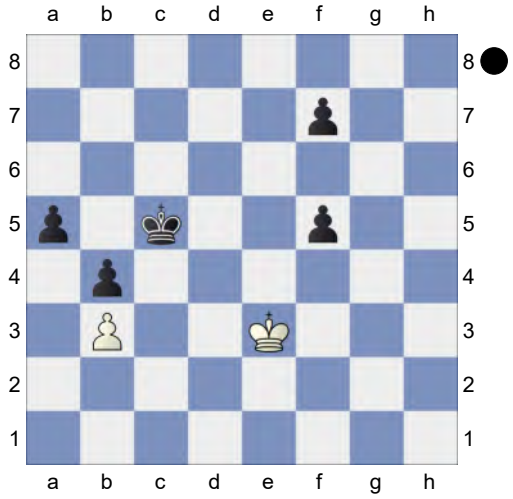
42...c5 43.g4 Rxh2+ 44.Kg3 -8.06/17

[⮌44.Ke1 -5.04/17 Rh1+ 45.Kf2]

44...Rxe2 45.Qxe2 KQ-KQ. Black is two pawns up. **45...Kb6 46.Kh4 Qg5+ 47.Kh3 Qh6+ 48.Kg2 Qg5 49.Qf3 Qe5 50.Qf5?** -12.55/16

[50.a4 -3.30/17]

50...Qxf5 51.gxf5 KP-KP. Black is two pawns up. **51...Kc6 52.Kf3 Kd5 53.Ke3 Ke5 54.Kd3 b5 55.Kc3 Kxf5 56.Kd3 Ke5 57.Ke3 Kd5 58.Kf3 c4 59.Ke3 cxb3 60.axb3 b4** (→ ...f5) **61.Kd3 a5 62.Kc2 Kc5 63.Kd3 f5** (→ ...f4) **64.Ke3**



f4+! 65.Kd3

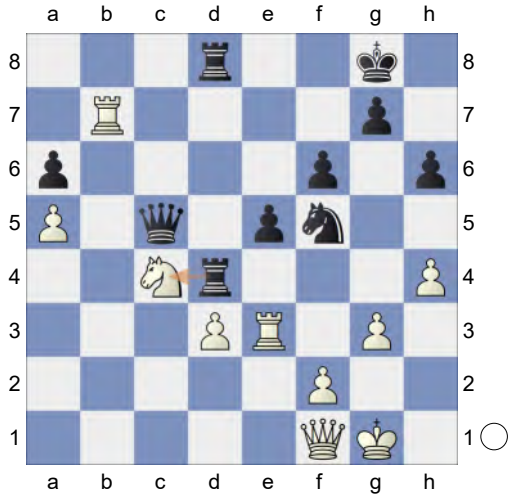
[65.Kxf4 Kd4]

65...f3 66.Ke3 Black used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.79/ Black=0.60 **66...f2**

0-1

118 **C54**
□ **wtfisgoingonhere** **2861**
■ **KhatanbaatarGM** **2646**
Blitz 26.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.b4N**
[5.d4 exd4 6.0-0 dxc3 7.Nxc3 0-0 8.Bg5 d6 9.Re1 Re8 10.h3 h6 11.Bh4 a6 12.Nd5 Re6 13.Nxc7 Qxc7 14.Bxe6 Bxe6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qd2 Bb4 17.Qxh6 Bxe1 18.Rxe1 Qe7 19.Qh4 Nb4 1-0 4.♘g5 ♗c5 / 4...d5 5.ed5-Mecking 31/643 London 1980 (11) 20.e5 Nc2 21.Re2 Rc8 22.exf6 Qf8 23.Qg5+ Kh8 24.Qh5+ Kg8 25.Ng5 Bf5 26.Nxf7 Bh7 27.Qg5+ Kxf7 28.Re7+ Qxe7 29.fxe7 Nd4 30.Qd5+ Ne6 31.Qxb7 Rc1+ 32.Kh2 Bg6 33.Qd7 Kf6 34.Qxd6 a5 1-0 4.♘g5 ♗c5 / 4...d5 5.ed5 d-Mecking 31/643 London 1980 (11)]
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 *(6...exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4 8.d5 Ne7 9.Qa4+ c6 10.Qxb4 Nxe4 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Qxe4 Bf5 14.Qf4 Nd5 15.Qxf5+* Chapter-Games Chapter 2 (1)*)* 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...Bb6 6.d3 d6 7.a4 a6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nbd2 Ne7 10.Bb3 Ng6 11.Nc4
[11.a5!? Ba7□ 12.Nc4=]
11...Ba7 12.h3 h6 13.Re1 Be6 14.Rb1 c6 15.a5 Re8 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Qc7 18.Nb6 Rad8 19.c4 d5 20.cxd5 cxd5 21.Rc1 Qd6 22.Nd2? -1.50/23
[22.exd5= 0.02/23 Nxd5 23.Nxd5 Bxd5 24.Bxd5 Qxd5 25.Rc5]
22...Qxb4∓ 23.exd5 Nxd5
[23...Bxd5 24.Nxd5 Nxd5 25.Re4∓]
24.Bxd5 Bxd5 25.Nxd5 Rxd5 26.Nc4 -1.84/21
[26.Rb1∓ -1.30/22 Qe7 *(26...Qxa5 27.Rxb7 Qa2 28.Qf3∓)* 27.Qf3]
26...Red8 27.Qf1 -2.82/20
[27.Qf3∓ -1.51/18]
27...f6 28.g3 -3.07/20
[28.Rb1 -2.05/20 Qe7 29.Rg3]
28...Rd4 -1.57/18
[28...Ne7-+ -3.07/20 White must now prevent ...Nc6. 29.Rb1 Qc5 *(29...Qc3 30.Rxb7 Nf5 31.Rf3∓)*]
29.h4 -2.52/20
[29.Rb1∓ -1.57/18 Qe7 30.h4]
29...Ne7-+ 30.Rb1 Qc5 31.Rxb7 -4.74/24
[31.Nd2 -3.15/19 was necessary. R4d7 *(31...Qxa5 32.Nb3∓)* 32.Nb3]
31...Nf5



32.Rf3? -7.50/20
[32.Qh3 -3.67/23 Nxe3 33.Qe6+ Kh8 34.Nxe3]
32...Nd6? -0.67/21

[32...e4-+ -7.50/20 33.Rxf5 Remove Defender Qxf5]

33.Nxd6∓ R8xd6 34.Qh3 Qc6

[34...Qxa5 35.Rb8+ Rd8 36.Qe6+ Kh8 37.Rb6=]

[34...Rxd3? 35.Rxd3 Rxd3 36.Qe6+ Kh7 37.Qf5+ *(37.Qxa6 Rxg3+ 38.Kf1 Qc1+ 39.Ke2 Qc2+ 40.Ke1 Rg1+)* 37...Kg8 38.Qxd3+-]

35.Rb8+ Kf7 -0.14/23

[35...Rd8∓ -0.71/26 36.Rxd8+ Rxd8]

36.Qf5 e4 0.79/24

[36...g6= -0.28/24 37.Qc8 Qxc8 *(37...Qxf3 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Qe8#)* 38.Rxc8 R4d5 *(38...Rxd3 39.Rxd3 Rxd3 40.Rc6=)*]

37.dxe4 -0.01/25

[Better is 37.Qh5+± 0.79/24 g6 38.Qxh6 exf3 39.Rf8+ Ke6 40.Qxg6]

37...Qxe4= 38.Qc8 Kg6 39.h5+ -1.42/26 **Kxh5∓ 40.Qe8+ Qxe8 41.Rxe8** Endgame KRR-KRR. Black is a pawn up. **41...R6d5** -0.57/23

[41...Ra4-+ -1.63/22 42.Re7 g6 *(42...Rxa5 43.Rxg7 Rg5 44.Rc7=)*]

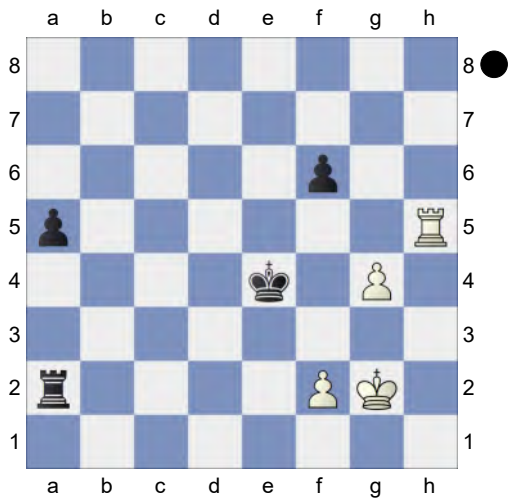
42.Re7∓ Kg6 -0.06/26

[Reject 42...Rxa5?! 43.Rxg7 f5 44.Kg2=]

[Black should try 42...Rd7∓ -0.65/23 43.Rfe3 Kg4]

43.Rc3= Rxa5 44.Rcc7 Ra1+ 45.Kg2 Ra2 46.Rxg7+ Kf5 47.Rc5+ Ke6 48.Rc6+ Rd6 49.Rxd6+ Kxd6 KR-KR. Black is a pawn up. **50.Rg6 Ke5 51.Rxh6 a5 52.Rh5+ Ke4 53.g4**

(Diagram)



a4 54.Rf5 a3 55.Rxf6 And now Ra6 would win. **55...Rb2 56.Ra6 a2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/Black=0.34 **57.Kg3** Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?

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119 **C55**

□ **GEOPROMETHE** **2860**

■ **killerm3000** **2524**

Rapid 12.11.2021

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Bg5 d6** -0.22/20

[7...h6∓ -0.68/20 8.f4 hxg5 9.fxe5 Ne6 10.exf6 gxf6]

8.f4= h6 0.15/19

[8...c6 -0.25/19]

9.Bh4 Qe7 0.43/20

[9...Bg4= -0.12/21 10.Bxf6 Qd7]

10.Bxf6N White is slightly better.

[10.c3 Ne6 11.f5 Nc5 12.Nd2 Bd7 13.Qe2 0-0-0 14.a4 Be8 15.a5 Kb8 16.b4 Ncd7 17.a6 b6 18.Bd5 Nf8 19.b5 Qd7 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.c4 Qe7 22.Ra3 Rg8 23.Rh3 Nd7 24.Qe3

Nc5 0-1 Janik,I (2527)-Drygalov,A (2457) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Mar Early blitz 2025 (4)]

10...gxf6

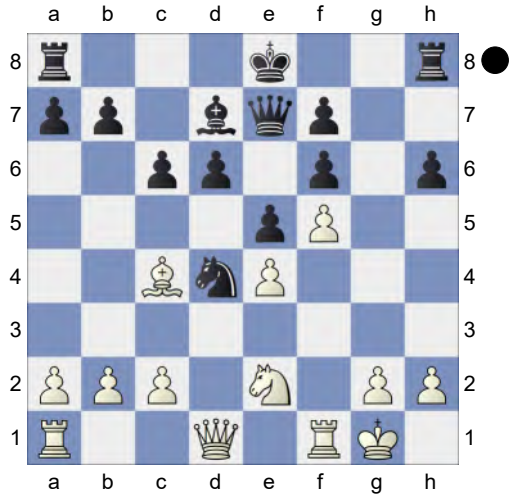
[10...Qxf6 feels hotter. 11.fxe5 Qxe5 12.Bxf7+ Ke7]

11.f5 Wards off Be6 **11...Bd7** **12.Nc3** -0.52/18

[White should try 12.c3± 0.42/20 Nc6 13.Nd2]

12...c6∓ 13.Ne2 -1.00/19

[13.Rf2∓ -0.52/17 is more appropriate.]



13...d5 -0.60/17

[Better is 13...Nxe2+!∓ -1.00/19 14.Bxe2 *(14.Qxe2 d5)* 14...d5 15.exd5 Qc5+ 16.Kh1 cxd5 *(16...Qxd5 17.Qc1∓)*]

14.exd5? -2.13/18

[14.Nxd4∓ -0.60/17 dxc4 15.Nf3]

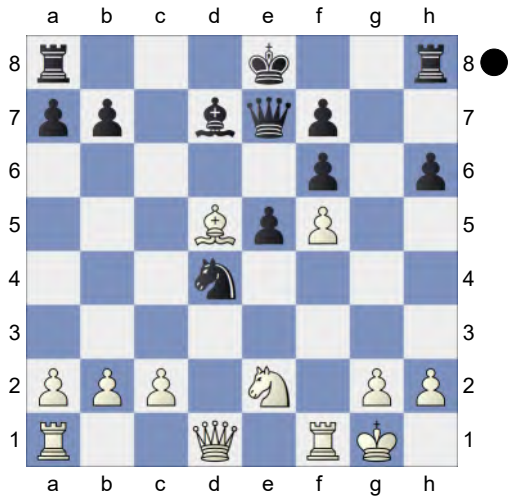
14...cxd5-+

[14...Nxf5 15.dxc6 bxc6 16.Qd3∓]

15.Bxd5 -3.59/18

[15.Bd3 -2.08/18 Nxe2+ 16.Bxe2]

(Diagram)



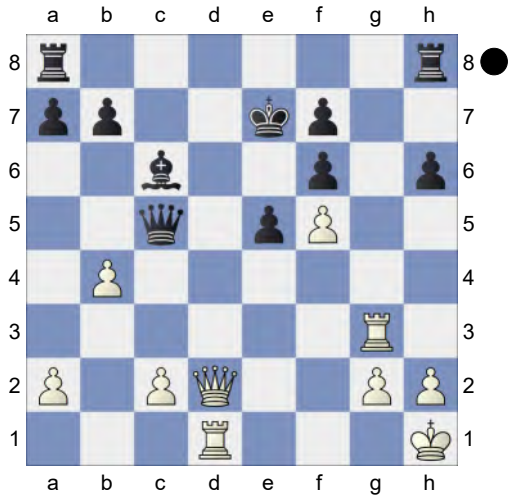
15...Nxe2+!

[15...Nxf5 16.Qd3=]

16.Qxe2 Qc5+ 17.Kh1 Qxd5 18.Rad1 Qc5

[18...Qxa2 19.Rxd7 Kxd7 20.Qb5+ Kc8 21.Qc5+ Kd8 22.Qd6+ Ke8 23.Qxf6-+]

19.Rf3 Bb5 20.Qd2 Bc6 21.Rg3 Ke7 22.b4

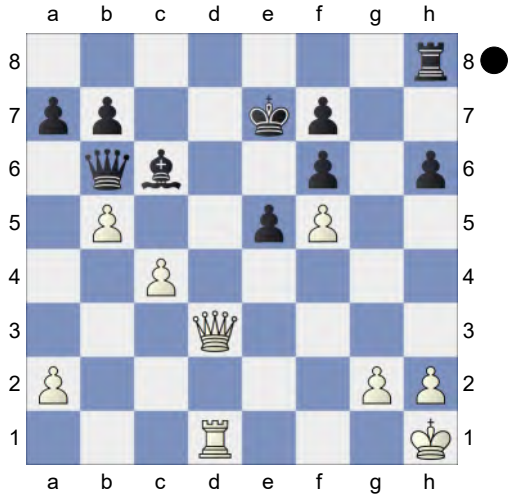


Qd4 23.Rd3

[23.Qxd4 exd4]

23...Qb6 **24.c4** **Rad8** **25.b5** Qb4+ would now be deadly. **25...Rxd3** **26.Qxd3**

(Diagram)



Rd8 Wards off Qd6+
[26...Bxg2+ 27.Kxg2 Rg8+ 28.Kh1∓]
27.Qa3+ Ke8 28.Rg1 Be4 29.Qg3 Bxf5 30.Qf3 Bg6 31.a4 Rd3 32.c5 Rxf3 33.cxb6 Endgame KRB-KR
33...Ra3 34.bxa7 Rxa4 35.b6 Kd7 36.Rc1 Be4? -1.30/21
[36...Bc2-+ -4.11/21 has better winning chances. aiming for ...Kc6!. 37.h3 Kc6 *(37...Be4 38.Rc7+ Kd6 39.Rc8∓)* 38.Rxc2+ Kxb6]
37.Rc7+∓ Ke6 -0.82/23
[⌓37...Kd6 -1.30/22 (→ ...Ra1+) 38.h4 Ra1+ 39.Kh2 Ra2]
38.Kg1? -2.52/24
[38.h4∓ -0.82/23 is a better defense.]
38...Ra2? 0.00/31
[38...Ra1+-+ -2.52/24 39.Kf2 Ra2+ 40.Ke1 Bxg2 *(40...Rxg2? perishes. 41.a8Q+-)*]
39.g3= f5 40.Rc8 f4 41.a8Q Rxa8 42.Rxa8 fxg3 43.hxg3 KR-KB **43...Kd6 44.Rc8 h5 45.Kf2 Bf5 46.Rc7 Be4** 5.35/28
[46...Be6!= 0.13/23 and Black is okay.]
47.Rxf7+- White is clearly winning.
47...Kc5 48.Re7 Kd6 49.Rc7 Ke6 50.Ke3 Bd5 51.Rh7 Kd6 What a bad dream for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/Black=0.52 **52.Rxh5**
1-0

120 **C54**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2859**
■ **Salem,AR Saleh** **2677**
MrDodgy Online Inv Finals 3rd blitz (1.7)
[Mon Hokmome]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4** Mikhalevski,V Kitty Kat **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 0-0 6.h3 h6**
[RR 6...d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.a4 *(RR 8.Re1)* 8...Be6 *(RR 8...h6 9.Re1 Be6; RR 8...f6 9.Nbd2 Be6 10.Nb3 Be7 11.Re1 Kh8)* 9.Ng5 Bf5 10.Qf3 Nde7 *(RR 10...Nf4 11.Bxf4 exf4 12.Qxf4 Nd4 13.Nc3 Bd6 14.Qd2 c6)* 11.c3 h6 *(RR 11...Bg6 12.b4 Bd6 13.Nd2 h6 14.Nge4)*
A) RR 12.Nxf7 Rxf7 13.b4 *(RR 13.Bxf7+ Kxf7 14.g4 Qxd3 15.Be3 e4)* 13...Bd6
A1) RR 14.Bxf7+ Kxf7 15.g4 e4 16.dxe4 Ne5 17.Qe2 Be6 18.f4 Kg8 19.fxe5 Bxe5 20.Rd1 *(RR 20.Bf4 Bxf4 21.Rxf4 Ng6 22.Rf3)* 20...Qe8 21.Be3;
A2) 14.b5 e4 *(RR 14...Na5 15.Bxf7+ Kxf7 16.g4)* 15.Bxf7+ Kxf7 16.dxe4 Ne5 17.Qe2 Bh7 18.f4 Nd3 19.Nd2;
B) 12.Ne4 Bd6 13.b4 a6 *(RR 13...Kh8 14.Nbd2 Bh7 15.Ba3 f5 16.Nxd6 cxd6 17.b5 Na5 18.Ba2)* 14.Nbd2 Kh8 *(RR 14...Bg6 15.Ba3 Nf5 16.Rfe1 Be7 17.Nb3)* 15.Ba3

B1) RR 15...Bxe4 16.Nxe4 f5 17.Nxd6 cxd6 18.b5 axb5 19.axb5 e4 20.Qe3 *(RR 20.dxe4 Ne5 21.Qe2 f4 22.f3 Qc7)* 20...Ne5 21.Qd4;

B2) 15...Bg6 16.Nxd6 cxd6 17.b5 Na5 18.Bb4 axb5 *(RR 18...Nxc4 19.Nxc4 Nf5 20.Qxb7)* 19.axb5 b6 20.Bd5 Rc8 21.c4 Carlsen,M (2847)-Nakamura,H (2736) chess24.com INT 2021 [Mikhalevski,V] 1-0 (37)]

7.c3 d6 8.Re1 a5 9.d4N

[9.Nbd2 Be6 10.Bb5 Bb6 11.Nc4 Bc5 12.Ncd2 Bb6 13.Nf1 Ne7 14.d4 exd4 15.cxd4 *(RR 15.Nxd4 d5 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.exd5 Nfxd5 18.Rxe6)* 15...d5 16.e5 Ne4 17.Ng3 Nxg3 18.fxg3

A) RR 18...c5 19.g4 Ng6 20.Bd3 cxd4 21.g5 *(RR 21.Kh1)* 21...h5 22.Nh2 Qd7 *(RR 22...Qc8 23.Qf3 Bc7 24.Qxh5 Bf5)* 23.Qxh5 Bf5 *(RR 23...Rfc8)* 24.Ng4 Nf4 *(RR 24...Bxg4 25.hxg4 Rfe8)* 25.Bxf4 Bxd3 26.e6 Qe7;

B) 18...c6 19.Bd3 Nf5 20.Bxf5 Bxf5 21.Be3 Be4 22.Nd2 Bg6 23.Bf2 *(RR 23.a4)* 23...a4 Niemann,H (2675)-Tari,A (2635) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 16 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (79) RR 24.Nf3]

[9.b3]

9...Bb6

[9...Ba7]

10.Be3

[10.Bb3 Bd7 11.Bc2 Re8 12.Be3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Nc3 Nxc2 15.Qxc2 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 Bf5 17.Nfd2 d5 18.f3 dxe4 19.Nxe4 Bxe4 20.fxe4 Bxd4 21.Rad1 Bxe3+ 22.Rxe3 Qe7 23.Rc1 c6 24.Qc5 a4 6.f4 e5 7. ♘h3 ef4 (2183)-Yozgyur,E (2331) Moscow 2023 Inf55 [John Watson] 0-1 (37)]

10...exd4 The position is equal.

[10...Nxe4 11.d5 Bxe3 12.Rxe3 Nxf2 13.Kxf2 Ne7]

11.cxd4 d5

[11...Nxe4? 12.d5 Ne5 13.Nxe5 Nxf2 14.Bxf2+-]

12.exd5 Ne7N

[12...Nxd5 13.Bxd5 Qxd5 14.Nc3 Qd8 15.d5 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Ne7 17.e4 Ng6 18.e5 c6 19.d6 Be6 20.Qd4 b6 21.Rad1 Rb8 22.Qe4 Qd7 23.Nd4 Rbc8 24.Nxe6 Qxe6 25.d7 Rcd8 26.Rd6 Qe7 27.Rxg6 Feher,G (2657)-2.d3 ♘c6 3.g3 g6 4. ♗g2 î€ (2576) Merida 2022 MAINB (21) [John Watson] 1-0 (64)]

13.Nc3 Nexd5 13...Bxd5 is better than 13…Nxd5. 13…Lxd5 ist besser als 13…Sxd5. 13...Bxd5 is better than 13...Nxd5. 13...Lxd5 ist besser als 13...Sxd5.

[13...Nfxd5

A) 14.Qb3 c6 15.Bd2 Bc7 16.a4 Be6 *(16...Nb6 17.Bd3 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Nxf5 19.Re4)* 17.Ne4 b6;

B) 14.Bd2 c6;

C) 14.Qd2 c6 *(14...Be6 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Nf5)*]

14.Qd2 Strongly threatening Be3xh6!

14...c6

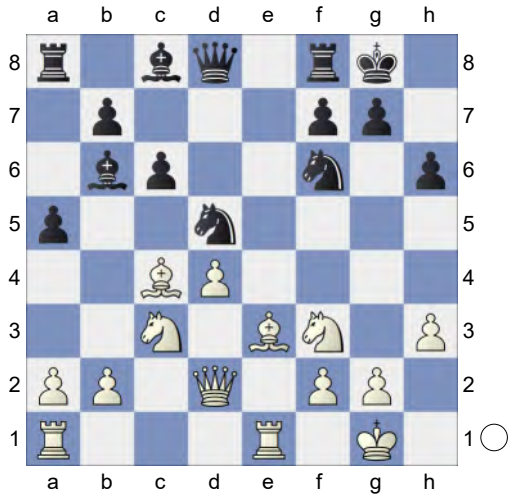
[14...Be6 15.Bxh6

A) 15...Nxc3 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 *(16...Bxc4 17.Qg5 Nh7 18.Qg3 Qd6 19.Ne5 Bd3 20.Bxf8+ Kxf8 21.Qxd3)* 17.Qg5+ Kh7 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.bxc3;

B) 15...gxh6 16.Qxh6]

[14...Nxe3 15.Rxe3 c6 16.Rd1 *(16.Qd3)* 16...Nd5 17.Bxd5 *(17.Nxd5 cxd5 18.Bb3)* 17...cxd5

18.Ne5 *(18.Qe2)*]



15.Bxh6!

[15.Rad1 Bc7 16.Ne5 Nxc3 17.bxc3 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Qxd2 19.Rxd2 Ne4 20.Rc2 Bf5 21.f3 Ng3 22.Rd2]

15...gxh6 16.Qxh6N Bf5? 4.54/27 This costs Black the game.

[16...Nh7!= 0.25/23 17.Nxd5 *(17.Bxd5 cxd5 18.Re5 Qf6 19.Qe3 Be6 20.Ng5 Bc7 21.Nxe6 fxe6 22.Rxe6 Qf4 23.Rg6+ Kh8 24.Qxf4 Bxf4 25.Nxd5 Rad8 26.Nxf4 Rxf4)* 17...cxd5 18.Bd3 f5 19.Re3 Qf6 20.Qf4 Be6 *(20...Ba7 21.Rae1 Bb8 22.Ne5 Rf7 23.Rg3+ Rg7 24.Ree3 Be6 25.h4)* 21.Rae1 Rae8 22.g4 Bd7 *(22...fxg4 23.Bxh7+ Kxh7 24.Ng5+ Kh8 25.Qxf6+ Rxf6 26.Nxe6)*

A) 23.g5 Qg6 *(23...Qc6 24.Bb5 Qxb5 25.g6 Nf6 26.Qh6)* 24.Ne5 Rxe5 25.Qxe5;

B) 23.Rxe8 Rxe8 24.Re5]

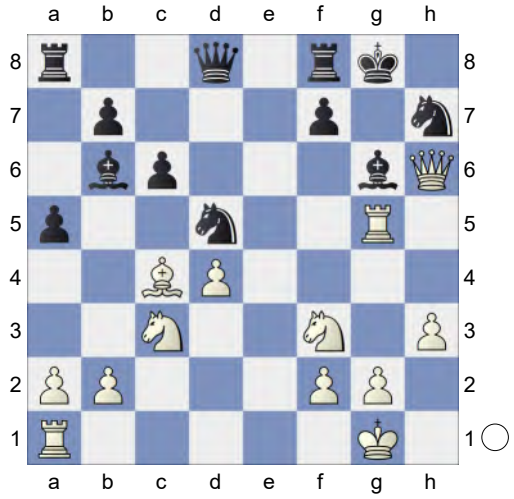
17.Re5+- Bg6

[17...Qd7 18.Nh4]

18.Rg5 1.87/27

[⌓18.Nh4 4.64/26 Bxd4 19.Nxg6 fxg6 20.Nxd5! cxd5 21.Rg5 Bxf2+ 22.Kh1 Kf7 23.Bxd5+ Qxd5 *(23...Nxd5 24.Qxg6+ Ke7 25.Re5+)* 24.Qxg6+ Ke7 25.Rxd5 Nxd5 26.Qe4+ Kd6 27.Rd1]

18...Nh7



19.Rg4 Chess con chili. **19...Re8?** 3.81/26

[19...Nhf6 20.Rh4 Nh7 21.Bxd5 cxd5 22.Ne5 Bf5 23.Rf4 Be6 24.Ng4 f6 25.Re1]

[19...Kh8 2.04/24 is a better defense. 20.Nxd5 cxd5 21.Bd3 Rg8 22.Bxg6 fxg6 *(22...Rxg6 23.Ne5)* 23.Ne5 Qe8 24.Nxg6+ Rxg6 25.Qxg6 Qxg6 26.Rxg6 Bxd4 27.Rd1]

20.Nxd5

[20.Nh4 Re6 0-1 (75) Suarez Uriel,A (2391)-Perez Candelario,M (2611) Linares 2018 21.Nxg6 Rxg6 22.Nxd5 Rxg4 *(22...cxd5 23.Bd3 Nf8 24.Bxg6 fxg6 25.Re1)* 23.Nxb6 Rh4 24.Qg6+ Kh8 25.Qg3 Ra7 *(25...Rb8 26.Nd7 Rc8 27.Ne5)* 26.Re1 Rxd4 27.Bxf7 Rd1 28.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 29.Kh2 1-0 (66) Carlsen,M (2859)-Salem,A (2677) Chess.com INT 2022 Qd8 30.Bc4]

[20.Ne5 Rxe5 21.dxe5 Qf8±]

20...cxd5 21.Bd3 Nf8 22.Ne5

[22.Rh4 Qf6 23.Rg4 Qg7∓]

22...Re6

[22...Qf6? 23.Nxg6 fxg6 24.Bxg6 Nxg6 25.Rxg6+ Qxg6 26.Qxg6++-]

23.Bf5

[23.Nxg6 fxg6 24.Bxg6]

[Weaker is 23.Bxg6 Nxg6 24.Nxg6 fxg6+-]

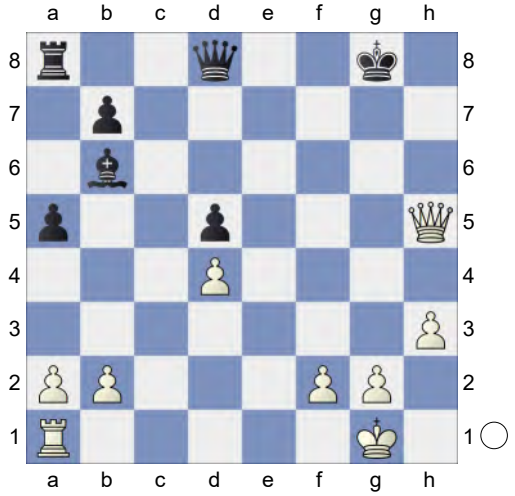
23...Rd6 4.64/33

[23...Qf6 2.86/27 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Re1 Qf6 26.Re3]

24.Nxg6

[Not 24.Bxg6 fxg6 25.Nxg6 *(25.Rh4 Qf6∓)* 25...Nxg6+-]

24...fxg6 25.Bxg6 Rxg6 26.Rxg6+→ White is out for blood. **26...Nxg6 27.Qxg6+ Kh8 28.Qh5+ Kg8**



29.Qg4+ Kh7? 7.23/25

[29...Kf8 3.41/26 30.Re1 Bc7]

30.Re1 Vorgänger: Vorgänger: **30...Rc8**

31.Re6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.50

1-0

121 **C55**

□ **DmDonCh** **2854**

■ **CarlsenNepo21** **2729**

Blitz 09.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Be3 Ne6**

[7...Nc6 8.f4 exf4 9.Bxf4 d6 10.Bb5 Bd7 11.Bg5 Ne5 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Bxd7+ Qxd7 14.Nc3 0-0-0 15.Nd5 h5 16.Qd4 Kb8 17.Nxf6 Qc6 18.c3 h4 19.h3 Rh6 20.Rf5 Qb5 21.Rd1 Rc8 22.b3 1-0 Predke, A (2673)-Eljanov,P (2706) ITA-chT GpA 55th 2024 (6.1)]

8.f4N

[8.Nc3 0-0 9.Qe2 d6 10.Rad1 Nf4 11.Bxf4 exf4 12.Qd2 f3 13.gxf3 Nh5 14.Kh1 Be6 15.Bd5 Qf6 16.Qe3 Nf4 17.Rg1 Rab8 18.b4 a6 19.Rg3 Rfe8 20.Rdg1 g6 21.Rd1 Bxd5 22.Nxd5 Nxd5 0-1 Faust,D (1919)-Carrizo,J (1724) corr FICGS CHESS 2007 (1)]

8...exf4 0.01/22

[8...Nxe4 9.fxe5 0-0 10.Bd5=]

[8...d6∓ -0.48/23]

9.Bxf4? -1.50/22

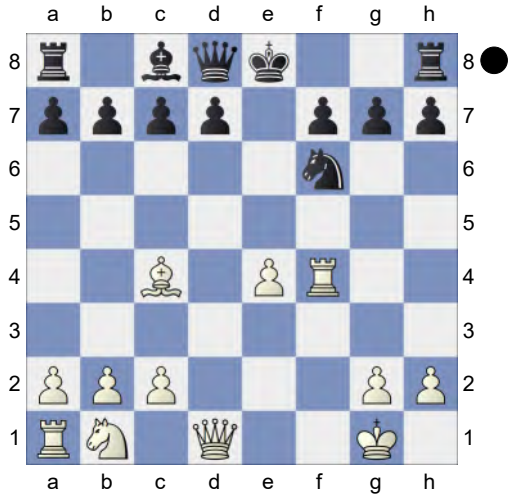
[9.e5!= 0.01/22]

9...Nxf4∓

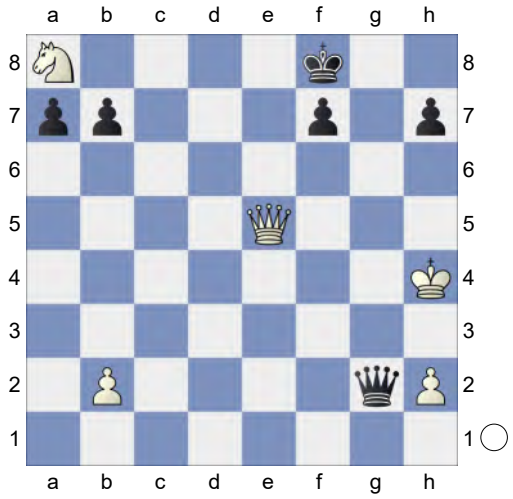
[9...Nxe4 10.Bxe6 dxe6 11.Qf3∓]

10.Rxf4

(Diagram)



d6 11.Nc3 Be6 -1.18/20
[11...0-0-+ -1.75/23 12.Qd2 Re8 13.Rxf6 gxf6 *(13...Qxf6? 14.Rf1+-* Deflection *)*]
12.Qe2 -1.68/24
[12.Bxe6∓ -1.18/20 fxe6 13.Qe2]
12...0-0 -1.32/20
[Better is 12...Bxc4-+ -1.68/24 13.Qxc4 0-0]
13.Raf1 -1.68/20
[13.Bxe6∓ -1.32/20 fxe6 14.e5]
13...Qe7 -0.87/22
[13...Bxc4-+ -1.68/20 14.Qxc4 c6]
14.Rxf6? -2.46/23 **gxf6-+ 15.Bd3 Kh8 16.Qh5 Rg8 17.e5 f5!**
[17...dxe5 18.Qxh7#]
18.Bxf5 Bxf5
[18...dxe5 19.Qxh7#]
19.Rxf5 Rg7 20.Nd5 Qd7 21.Rg5 Rxg5 22.Qxg5 Endgame aiming for Qf6+. KQR-KQN **22...Qe6** 2.06/19
[22...f5-+ -2.25/25 ...Qe6 would now be deadly. 23.exf6 Rg8]
23.Nxc7+- Qxa2
[23...h6 24.Qd2 Qg6 25.Nxa8+-]
24.Qf6+ Kg8 25.Nxa8 dxe5 4.86/24
[25...Qb1+ 1.78/18 is more resistant. 26.Qf1 Qxb2 *(26...Qxf1+ 27.Kxf1 dxe5 28.Nc7+-)*]
26.Qd8+ Kg7 27.Qg5+ Kf8 28.Qxe5 Qb1+ 29.Kf2 Qxc2+ 30.Kg3 Qg6+ 31.Kf3 Qc6+ 32.Kg3 Qg6+ 33.Kh4 Qxg2

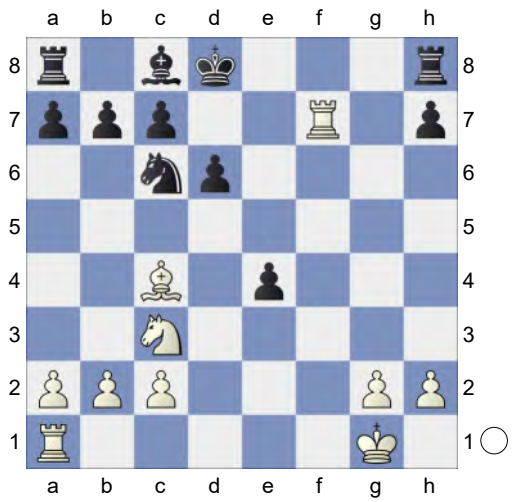


34.Nc7? 0.19/20
[34.Qd6+!+- 2.45/21 Kg7 35.Qg3+ Qxg3+ 36.hxg3]
34...Qf2+!= 35.Kg5 Qg2+ 36.Kf5
[36.Qg3 Qd2+ 37.Qf4 h6+ 38.Kg4 *(38.Kxh6? Qxf4+ 39.Kh5 Qxc7-+)* 38...Qxb2]
36...Qf3+ 0.72/23 **37.Qf4± Qh5+** 2.29/18
[37...Qc6± 1.03/18 might work better. 38.b4 a6]
38.Ke4? 0.61/19
[White has to play 38.Kf6+- 2.29/18 Qg6+ 39.Ke5]
38...Qe2+!± 39.Kd5 0.18/20
[39.Kf5!± 0.58/23]
39...Qd3+? 3.13/26
[39...Qg2+= 0.18/20 and Black stays safe. 40.Ke5 Qxb2+ 41.Kd6 Qb6+ 42.Kd7 h6]
40.Ke5? 0.55/17
[40.Qd4+- 3.13/26 Qh3 41.Kd6 *(41.Qxa7 Qg2+ 42.Kc4 Qc2+* Skewer *43.Kd5 Qxc7-+; 41.Qh8+ Ke7+-)* 41...Qxh2+ 42.Kd7 Qh3+ 43.Kd8]
40...Qe2+ 41.Kd6 Qd3+? 3.55/26

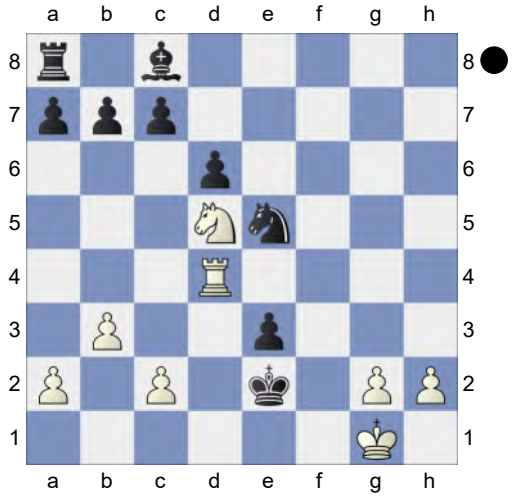
[41...Qxb2± 1.14/18 42.Kd7 Qb6]
42.Nd5+- Qa6+ 43.Ke5 2.00/16
[⯃43.Kc5 3.55/22]
43...Qe2+ 44.Qe4? -0.01/20
[44.Ne3 Qxb2+ 45.Kf5 Qb1+ 46.Kg4 Qg6+ 47.Kf3 Qc6+ 48.Kf2 Qb6]
[44.Kd6+- 1.74/18 Qh6+ would kill now. Qxb2 45.Kc7]
44...Qxb2+
[44...Qxh2+ simplifies 45.Qf4 Qxf4+ 46.Kxf4 h5]
45.Kd6 Qa3+ 46.Kd7
[46.Kc7 h6 47.Qe5 *(47.Kxb7 Qb2+ 48.Ka8 Qxh2±)* 47...Kg8 48.Nf6+ *(48.Kxb7 a6+-)* 48...Kf8+-]
46...Qh3+ 47.Kd8 Qe6 48.Qd4
[Much worse is 48.Qxh7 Qxd5+ 49.Kc7 b5 50.Qh8+ Ke7 51.Qh4+ f6 52.Qh7+ Qf7 53.Qe4+ Kf8+ 54.Kd6 b4∓]
48...Qe8+ 49.Kc7 Qc6+ 50.Kd8 0.07/19 **Qe8+** 0.54/5
[50...Qd6+= 0.07/19 might be stronger. 51.Kc8 f6]
51.Kc7≌ Qc6+ 52.Kd8 0.00/5
[52.Kb8≌ 0.49/23 f6 53.Nxf6 *(53.Qxf6+ Qxf6 54.Nxf6 a5+-)*]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.62 **52...Qe8+**
½-½

122 **C55**
□ **DmDonCh** **2851**
■ **Ex-retired** **2618**
Blitz 08.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Be3**
[7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Na3 Qe7 11.c3 Bxc4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxc4 Ne6 14.Ne3 Qc5 15.Qe1 0-0-0 16.Kh1 Nf4 17.g3 Rd3 18.Nf5 Ne6 19.Qe2 Rhd8 20.Nd4 R3xd4 21.cxd4 exd4 0-1 Nowroozian,N (2723)-Logan,T (2741) 3: St Edmunds 2003 (25)]
7...Nc6 8.f4 d6 0.26/18
[8...Qe7!∓ -0.63/18]
[8...exf4 9.Bxf4 d6 10.Bb5 Bd7 11.Bg5 Ne5 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Bxd7+ Qxd7 14.Nc3 0-0-0 15.Nd5 h5 16.Qd4 Kb8 17.Nxf6 Qc6 18.c3 h4 19.h3 Rh6 20.Rf5 Qb5 21.Rd1 Rc8 22.b3 Rg6 23.Rd2 1-0 Predke,A (2673)-Eljanov,P (2706) ITA-chT GpA 55th 2024 (6.1)]
9.f5N White mounts an attack.
[9.Nc3 h6 10.f5 Bd7 11.a3 a6 12.b4 Na7 13.Qf3 Nb5 14.Qg3 Rg8 15.Nxb5 Bxb5 16.Bxb5+ axb5 17.Qf3 Qd7 18.Rfe1 Qc6 19.Bf2 Qxc2 20.Rac1 Qb2 21.Qd3 Qxa3 22.Qxb5+ Kd8 23.Qxb7 Ne8 1-0 Shedden,C-Mcowan,J BCM Tourney Final 1910-12]
9...Nxe4 1.23/20
[9...a5= 0.25/19]
10.Qd5!± Ng5 11.Bxg5 0.00/21
[11.Nc3± 1.23/19]
11...Qxg5= 12.Qxf7+ Kd8 13.f6 -0.44/20 Prevents Ne7
[13.Nc3= 0.00/21 might be stronger.]
13...gxf6∓ 14.Nc3 -1.91/25
[14.Qxf6+ Qxf6 15.Rxf6 Nd4]
[White should try 14.h4∓ -0.50/22 Qxh4 15.Qxf6+ Qxf6 16.Rxf6]
14...Qg6? 0.54/24
[14...f5-+ -1.91/25 ...Qg6 is the strong threat. 15.Nd5 Ne7]
15.Rxf6≌ Qxf7 16.Rxf7 e4 1.59/21
(Diagram)

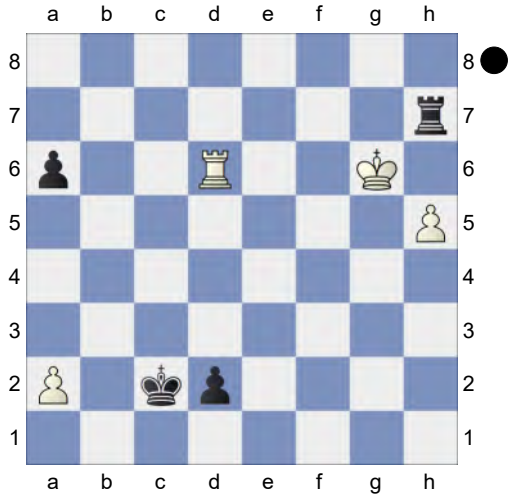


17.Raf1? -2.45/19
[17.Nxe4? Ne5 18.Rg7 Nxc4-+]
[17.Rg7!± 1.59/21 stays on course.]
17...Ne5!-+ 18.Rf8+ Rxf8 19.Rxf8+ Ke7 20.Rh8 And now Nd5+ would win.
20...Nxc4 21.Nd5+ Kd7 22.Rxh7+ Kc6 23.Ne7+ Kc5 24.Rh5+ Kd4 25.Rd5+ Ke3 26.b3 -6.67/17
[⌓26.Rd1 -4.56/16 Ke2 *(26...Nxb2 27.Nd5+ Ke2 28.Nc3+ Ke3 29.Nd5+ Ke2 30.Nc3+ Ke3 31.Nd5+=)* 27.Rd4]
26...Ne5 27.Rd1 Ke2 28.Rd4 e3 29.Nd5



Nc3+ would kill now. **29...Nf3+! 30.gxf3 Kxf3** 0.00/25 Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up.
[30...Bf5-+ -3.54/22 31.Nc3+ Kxf3]
31.Rd3!= Ke4 32.Nxe3 Be6 33.Ng2 Rg8 34.Re3+ Kf5 35.Kf2 Bd5 36.Ne1 Rh8 37.h3 Rg8 38.Rg3 Rh8 39.Nd3 Be4 40.Ke3 c5 41.c4 a6 42.Nf4 b6 43.Nd5? -3.93/22
[43.Rg7= 0.00/22 and White is okay. Bb1 44.Rf7+ Ke5 45.Re7+ Kf6 *(45...Kf5 46.Rf7+ Kg5 47.Rg7+ Kf6 48.Rd7=)* 46.Nd5+ *(46.Re6+ Kf5∓)* 46...Kg5 47.Rg7+ *(47.Nxb6 Rxh3+ 48.Ke2 Bxa2=)* 47...Kf5 48.Rf7+ *(48.Nxb6 Rxh3+ 49.Kd2 Rd3+ 50.Ke2 Rd4∓)* 48...Ke6 49.Re7+ Kf5 50.Rf7+]
43...Bxd5-+ 44.cxd5 KR-KR **44...Rh5 45.Kf3 b5 46.Kg2?** -4.98/19
[46.Ke3 -3.05/18 was forced.]
46...c4 -2.62/17
[⌓46...Ke4 -4.98/19 47.Kf1 Rf5+ *(47...Rxd5 48.Ke2∓)* 48.Ke2 Kxd5 *(48...Rxd5 49.Re3+ Kf5 50.h4∓)* 49.Rd3+ Kc6]
47.bxc4 bxc4 48.Rg4 -4.27/26
[⌓48.Rc3 -2.83/19 Rh4 49.Kg3]
48...Ke5? 0.00/28
[48...Rg5-+ -4.27/26 49.Rxg5+ Kxg5]
49.Rxc4= Kxd5 50.Rg4 Kc5 51.h4 d5 52.Kg3 Rh7 53.Rg5 Kc4 54.h5 d4 55.Kg4? -6.63/18
[55.Kf2= -0.01/21]
55...d3-+ 56.Rg6 d2 57.Rd6 Kc3 58.Kg5 Kc2 59.Kg6 -7.84/21
[⌓59.Rc6+ -4.76/15 Kd1 60.Rd6]

(Diagram)

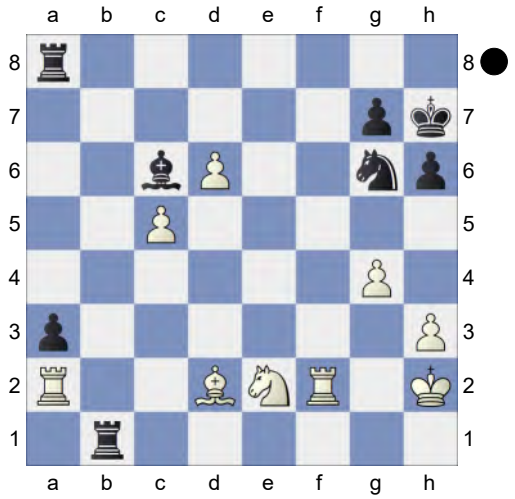


59...Rxh5? 0.00/64 **60.Kxh5= d1Q+ 61.Rxd1 Kxd1** KP-KP **62.Kg5 Kc2 63.Kf5 Kb2 64.Ke5?** -#25/38
[64.a4= 0.00/30]
64...Kxa2 Black mates. **65.Kd4 Kb3 66.Kd3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.79/Black=0.81 **66...a5**
0-1

123 **C54**
□ **AKS-Mantissa** **2845**
■ **ArasanX** **3043**
Rapid 28.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 15min+3sec C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...d6N
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3)]
6.b4 Bb6 7.Bb3 0-0 8.Nbd2 Ne7 9.Nc4 The position is equal. **9...Ng6 10.0-0 h6 11.h3 c6 12.Nxb6 axb6 13.Re1 Re8 14.c4 Nh5 15.Kh2 c5 16.g3 Nf6 17.a4 cxb4 18.Bd2 Nd7! 19.Bxb4 Qf6 20.Rf1 Nc5 21.Ng1 Ra6 22.Bc3 Bd7 23.f4 Rea8 24.fxe5 Qe7 25.exd6 Qxd6 26.a5 Nxb3**
[26...bxa5?! 27.Bc2±]
[26...Nxd3? 27.Rxf7 Nge5 28.c5 *(28.Bxe5 Qxe5 29.Rxd7 Nc5+-)* 28...Qxc5 29.Rxd7++-]
27.Qxb3 aiming for c5!. **27...bxa5 28.Qb2 f6!**
[28...Qxd3 29.Rfd1 *(29.Bxg7 Qxc4 30.Bxh6 Ne5=)* 29...Qxc4 30.Rxd7±]
29.Qxb7 Be6! Against Qd5 **30.Qb1** -0.92/20
[30.Rfd1∓ -0.56/21 feels stronger.]
30...a4 Black has strong compensation.
31.Ne2 Rb8 32.Qc2 Qd7 33.Rf2 a3
[33...Bxh3?! 34.d4∓]
34.c5 Bb3

[34...Bxh3?! 35.d4=]
35.Qd2 Qe7 36.Qe3 Be6 37.d4 -1.20/21
[⊿37.Nf4 -0.75/18 Nxf4 38.gxf4]
37...Bc4!∓ 38.Bd2 Rb3↑ Black is in control. **39.Nc3 Kh7 40.Ra2**
[40.d5?! Qe5=]
40...Ra4 Black has more active pieces.
41.Qe1 -1.48/19
[⊿41.h4 -1.04/18]
41...Ra8 42.Qe3 -2.35/19
[42.Ra1∓ -1.53/18]
42...f5!-+ 43.d5 -3.24/24
[⊿43.exf5 -1.84/23 Qxe3 44.fxg6+ Kxg6 45.Bxe3 Rxc3 Discovered Attack 46.Bd2]
43...fxe4 44.d6 Qe6 45.Qxe4 Qxe4 46.Nxe4 Bd5
[46...Rb1 47.Bc3 Bd5 *(47...Bxa2 48.Rxa2 Re8 49.Re2∓)* 48.Rfe2∓]
47.Nc3 Bc6 ...Ne5 is the strong threat.
48.Ne2 Rb1 49.g4



Ne5!
[49...Bd5 50.Nc3 Rh1+ 51.Kg3 Bxa2 52.Nxa2]
50.Bc3

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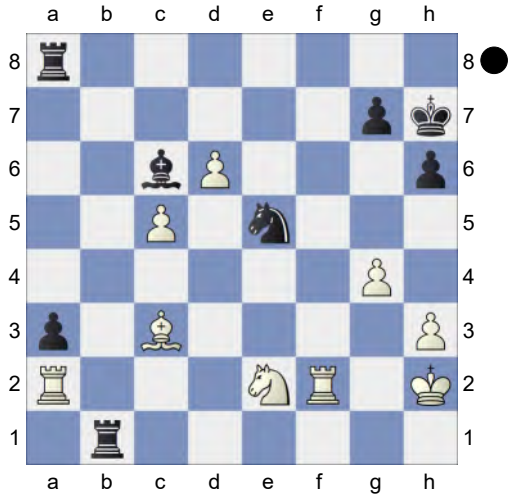
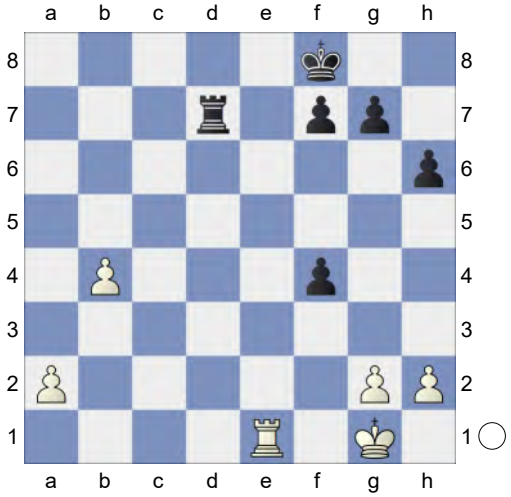


Nf3+ 51.Rxf3 Bxf3 52.d7 Rb7 53.Rxa3
[53.Nd4 Rxd7 *(53...Bd5 54.c6∓)* 54.Nxf3 Rd3-+]
53...Rxd7 54.Rxa8 Bxa8 Endgame KRB-KBN **55.Nd4 Rd5 56.Ne6** -3.57/24
[56.c6 -2.18/22 was the only chance.]
56...Rd3 57.Be5 Rd2+
[Don't take 57...Re3 58.Nf8+ Kg8 59.Ng6-+]
58.Kg3 Rg2+ 59.Kf4 g5+ 60.Nxg5+ hxg5+ 61.Kxg5 Rc2 62.h4 Rxc5 63.Kf4 Rc4+ 64.Kg5 -8.28/30
[⊿64.Kg3 -4.27/24]
64...Bf3 65.h5 -9.38/26
[⊿65.Bf4 -4.94/26]
65...Bxg4 66.h6 Bc8 67.Bg7 Rc1 68.Kf4 Bh3 69.Ke5 -6.67/27
[⊿69.Kg3 -4.44/28 Bd7 70.Kf2]
69...Rc4 70.Kd5 Rc7 -4.34/24
[⊿70...Rh4 -9.04/28 71.Kc5 Kg6]
71.Kd6 -9.06/27
[⊿71.Ke4 -4.34/24 Rd7 72.Be5]
71...Rc4? 0.01/25
[71...Ra7-+ -9.06/27 72.Kc6 Ra5]
Now White is beyond hope. **72.Kd5= Rh4 73.Kc5 Kg6 74.Kd5 Kf7 75.Ke5 Be6 76.Kd6 Rh5 77.Bb2 Rxh6**

78.Ke5 Rh5+ 79.Kd4 Bh3 80.Kc4 Bf1+ 81.Kb3 Ke6 (→ ...Kd5) **82.Bg7 Kd5 83.Bf6 Rh3+ 84.Kc2 Kc4 85.Kd2 Rd3+ 86.Kc2 Bg2 87.Bg5 Be4 88.Kb2 Rb3+ 89.Kc1 Kd3 90.Kd1 Rb1+ 91.Bc1 Bf3+ 92.Ke1 Rxc1+ 93.Kf2 Ke4** Black mates. **94.Kg3 Ke3 95.Kh4 Kf4 96.Kh3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) / Black=0.03 (flawless) **96...Rh1#**
0-1

124 **C55**
□ **Drvitman** **2842**
■ **Different_1** **2674**
Rapid 30.04.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 d6 9.f4 Bg4 10.Bxf6** The position is equal. **10...Bxd1 11.Bxd8 Rxd8 12.c3** -0.72/26
[12.Rxd1= -0.09/25 Nxc2 13.Nc3 *(13.Bb5+ c6∓; 13.Na3 Nxa1 14.Rxa1 c6 15.Rf1 exf4 16.Rxf4 0-0 17.Kf2 Kh8 18.Ke3 d5* 0-1 Tumukunde,T-Okurut,M (1493) UGA-ch U20 Kampala 2025 (4)*)* 13...Nxa1 14.Rxa1 exf4 15.Nd5 Kd7 16.Nxf4 Rde8 17.Bxf7 Rxe4 18.Rf1 c6 19.Bg6 Re5 20.g4 Kc7 21.Bf7 Rb8 22.Ne6+ Kb6 23.Rf5 Re4 24.h3 g5 25.Rf3 a5 26.Kf2 d5 27.Rf6 Rh8 28.a3 Rc4 29.Bg6 0-1 Pozzari,S (2048)-Basso,P (2516) ITA-ch 83rd Turin 2024 (10)]
12...Be2∓ 13.cxd4 Bxc4 14.Rc1 Bd3N -0.27/25
[14...Ba6!∓ -0.78/24 aiming for ...c6. 15.Rxc7 0-0 *(15...exf4 16.a4∓; 15...exd4 16.Na3∓)* 16.fxe5 dxe5]
15.Rxc7= 0-0 16.dxe5 dxe5 -0.14/25
[16...Bxe4∓ -0.54/26 17.Nd2 Bd5 18.exd6 Rxd6]
17.Nc3 exf4 18.Rxb7 Rb8 19.Rd7 Bc4 20.b3
[20.Rxa7 Rxb2 21.Rc7 Be6-+]
20...Be6 21.Rxa7 Rfc8 0.37/25
[21...Rfd8= -0.01/22 deserves consideration.]
22.Nd5± Bxd5 1.36/20
[22...Rc2!± 0.59/24]
23.exd5 Endgame KRR-KRR. White is a pawn up. **23...Rc2** 2.11/21
[23...Rd8± 1.21/20]
24.d6+- Rd2 25.d7 Black cannot hold the game after this. **25...Kf8?** 3.69/23
[25...Kh7± 1.54/19 26.Rc1 Rb5]
26.Re1 Rd8 27.b4 R2xd7 28.Rxd7 Rxd7



KR-KR **29.b5! Rd2 30.a4 Rb2**

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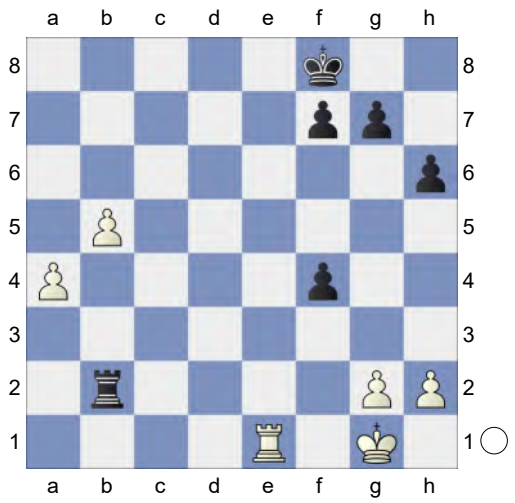
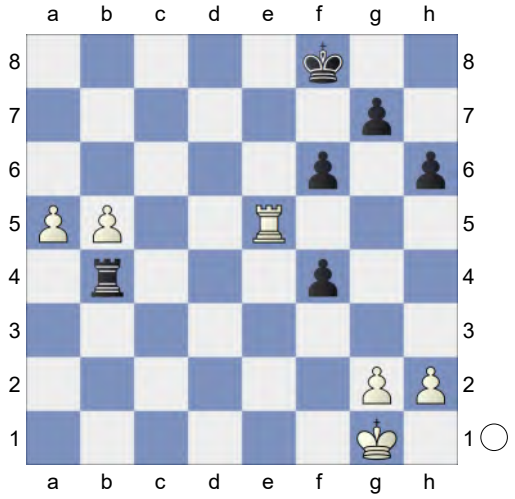


31.Re5! Rb4? 4.97/25
[31...f6 2.10/18 was called for. 32.Rc5 Ke7]
32.a5 f6



33.a6! fxe5 KR-KP **34.a7 Ra4**
[34...Rxb5 35.a8Q+ *(35.a8B? g5-+)* 35...Kf7 36.Qa2+ Kf8 37.Qe6]
35.b6 aiming for b7. **35...Kf7**
[Much weaker is 35...Ra1+ 36.Kf2 Kf7 *(36...Ra2+? 37.Kf3+-)* 37.b7 Rxa7 *(37...Ra2+? 38.Kf3+-)* 38.b8Q *(38.b8B? Ra2+ 39.Kf1 Ke6-+)* 38...Ra2+ 39.Kf3 e4+ 40.Kxf4 Rxg2 41.Qb7+ *(41.Kxe4 Re2+ 42.Kf3 Re1+-)* 41...Kf8 42.Qa8+ *(42.Qxe4 Rf2+ 43.Kg3 Rf6+-)* 42...Kf7 43.Qd5+ *(43.Qxe4 Rf2+ 44.Kg3 Rf6+-)* 43...Kf8 44.Kxe4+-]
36.b7 Rxa7 37.b8Q KQ-KR
[37.b8B? perishes. Ra1+ 38.Kf2 Ra2+ 39.Kf1 Ke6-+]
37...Re7 38.Kf2 Kf6? 6.19/22
[38...Re8 3.81/23 39.Qb7+ Re7]
39.Kf3 Rd7 40.Qf8+ Ke6 41.Qe8+ Re7 42.Qc6+ Kf5 43.Qe4+ Kf6 44.h4 g6 45.Qa8 White is clearly winning.
45...Kf5 7.80/19
[⌓45...Kg7 4.72/20 46.Qd8 Kf7 47.Qd5+ Kf8]
46.Qf8+ Ke6 47.Qxh6 Kf5 48.Qg5+ Ke6 49.Qxg6+ Kd5 50.Qe4+ Kd6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.40 **51.h5**
1-0

125 **C55**
□ **ManuDavid2910** **2839**
■ **wounded_thirteenth** **2861**
Blitz 08.04.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Qe7 10.Na3 a6N**
[10...Rg8 11.Kh1 Bd7 12.Qe1 0-0-0 *(12...a6 13.Qf2 Ne6 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Qxf6 b5 16.Bb3 Qxf6 17.Rxf6 Rg6* Heid,R-N,N URS-ch Soviet Union 1983 *)* 13.Qh4 Bc6 14.Rae1 Ne6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Rxf6 Ng5 18.Bd3 Nxe4 19.Rxf7 Nc5 20.Bf1 Rd2 21.Rxe5 Rdxg2 22.Bxg2 Bxg2+ 23.Kg1 Bd5+ 24.Kf2 Bxf7 25.Rxc5 1-0 Movsesian,S (2751)-Adams,M (2712) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2009 (2) b6 26.Re5 a6 2 Bianchi,E-Noshin,A Chapter 7 Part]

[10...Bd7 11.Qe1 Ne6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Qe3 Rg8 14.Rf2 Rg6 15.Raf1 Nf4 16.Kh1 a6 17.g3 Nh3 18.Rd2 Bg4 19.Be2 Bxe2 ½-½ Wastfelt,T (2659)-10.0-0 cd4 11. ♘e4 (2579) Chapter 1 (2) (6)]

11.Kh1 Be6 -0.14/20

[11...Bd7∓ -0.55/19]

12.c3= The position is equal. **12...Bxc4** 1.25/23

[12...Nb5!= -0.14/20 remains equal.]

13.Nxc4 Ne6 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Ne3 and Nd5 should not be overlooked. White has more active pieces. **15...Qd7 16.Qxd7+**

[16.Rxf6?! 0-0-0±]

16...Kxd7 17.Rxf6 Raf8 18.Rd1+ Kc8 19.Ng4 0.54/21

[19.Rd5+- 1.71/20]

19...Nc5!± 20.Re1 0.17/20

[20.Nxe5 Nxe4 21.Rf4 Nd6]

[20.Rdf1± 0.56/21 should be considered.]

20...Nd3 0.83/23

[20...Rd8!= 0.17/20]

21.Re2 0.27/22

[21.Ref1!± 0.83/23]

21...h5= 22.Nh6 Nf4 0.58/20

[22...Rh7= 0.09/21]

23.Rf2↑ White has strong initiative.

23...Rd8 1.72/22

[23...Rh7± 0.90/20]

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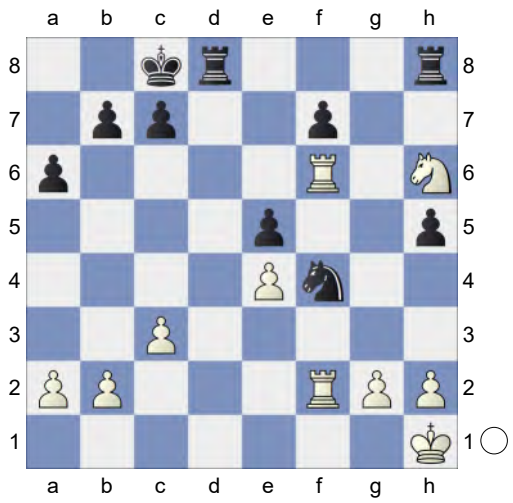


24.h3 0.92/19

[24.Nxf7? Rd1+]

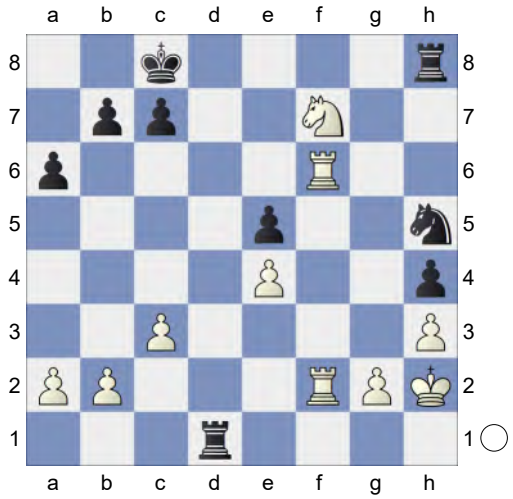
[24.Rf1 Rd2±]

[24.h4!+- 1.72/22]

A mistake that costs the game. **24...h4** 2.24/24

[24...Rd1+± 0.92/19 was worth a try. 25.Kh2 Nd3]

25.Nxf7+- Rd1+ 26.Kh2 Nh5



and ...Ng3! would now be decisive **27.Rf1! Nxf6 28.Rxd1** Endgame KRN-KRN. White is a pawn up. **28...Re8 29.Rf1 Nxe4 30.Re1 Ng3 31.Nxe5**

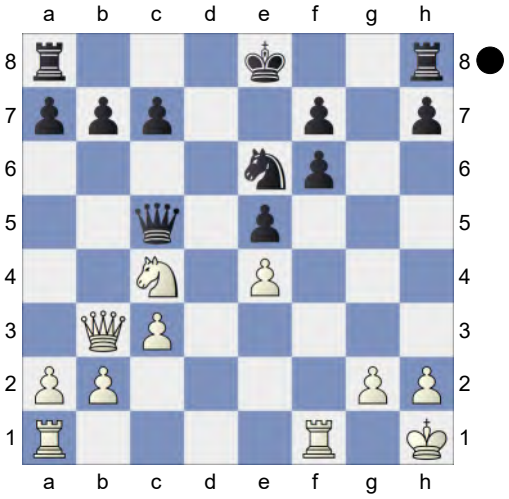
[31.Rxe5? perishes. Rf8 32.Rg5 Rxf7-+]

31...Nf1+ 32.Rxf1 Rxe5 KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **33.Rf4 Re2?** 5.14/20

[33...Rh5 2.23/19 34.Kg1 b5]
34.Rxh4 Rxb2 35.Rf4 Rxa2 36.h4 Re2 37.h5 b5 38.Kh3 a5 39.h6 Re8 Dodges Rf8 **40.g4 Rh8 41.g5 Kb7 42.Kg4 a4 43.Kh5 a3 44.g6 c5 45.g7 Rd8 46.h7 a2 47.Rf1 Rd5+ 48.Kh4 Rf5 49.Ra1**
[Not 49.g8B Rxf1 50.Bd5+ Kc7=]
49...Rf4+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=1.19
50.Kg5 #22/17
[50.Kg3+- 25.08/17 Rc4 51.g8Q *(51.g8B Rxc3+ 52.Kg4 Rd3+-)* 51...Rxc3+ 52.Kg4 Rc4+ 53.Kg5 *(53.Qxc4 bxc4 54.h8Q Kc7 55.Qf6 Kc8 56.Qc6+ Kb8 57.Rxa2 c3 58.Ra8#)* 53...Kc7 54.h8Q *(54.h8R Re4 55.Qd8+ Kb7 56.Qd7+ Ka6 57.Ra8+* Skewer *Kb6 58.Rb8+ Ka6 59.Qb7+ Ka5 60.Qxb5#)* 54...Rd4 55.Rxa2 Re4 56.Qhh7+ Kd6 57.Qd8+ Ke6 58.Qf5#]
1-0

126 **C55**
□ **ManuDavid2910** **2838**
■ **NoRolex** **2916**
Blitz 05.04.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Be6** 0.01/21
[9...Qe7∓ -0.59/19 10.Na3 Bd7]
10.Na3= Qe7 11.c3 Bxc4 12.Bxf6 The position is equal. **12...gxf6 13.Nxc4 Ne6 14.Kh1** -0.16/18
[14.Ne3 0.24/19 is superior. Qc5 15.Qd2 Rd8 16.Qe2 Nf4 17.Qf3 Rg8 18.Rf2 Rd3 19.Re1 Rd6 20.Rc2 a5 21.g3 Qc6 22.Kh1 Ne6 23.Nf5 Rd7 24.Rf2 Nc5 25.Rfe2 Kd8 26.b4 axb4 27.cxb4 Ne6 28.Qa3 b6 29.Qa6 1-0 13. ♘d3_13430 (2477)-8.f4 ♗d7_63689 (2383) Kyiv Spring op 2023 (11)]
[14.b4 Rg8 15.Rf2 Ng5 16.Qa4+ c6 17.Re2 Rd8 18.Qxa7 Qd7 19.Qe3 Qd3 20.Qxd3 Rxd3 21.Rc1 Ke7 22.a4 Nh3+ 23.Kf1 Nf4 24.Rec2 Rgd8 25.Nb2 Rd2 26.Nc4 R2d7 27.Ne3 Rd3 28.Nf5+ Ke6 0-1 Bolon,K (2018)-Monpeurt,C (2166) FRA-chT Top 12 2019 (8.8)]
14...Qc5! 15.Qb3N -1.12/21
[15.Na3!= -0.29/20 Rg8 16.Rxf6 Nf4 17.Rf5 Qf2 18.Qf3 Qxb2 19.Rxe5+ Ne6 20.Rf1 0-0-0 21.Ra5 Rd3 22.g3 Rxf3 23.Rxf3 Qc1+ 24.Kg2 Nf4+ 0-1 Anderssen,A-Fleissig,M Wien 1873 (1)]
[15.Qe2 Nf4 Quickstarter – Italian-Italian – Deutz Gambit 4.O-]



15...0-0-0!∓ 16.Rxf6

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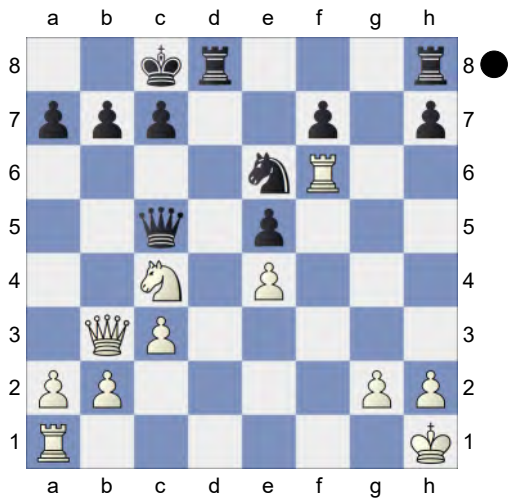
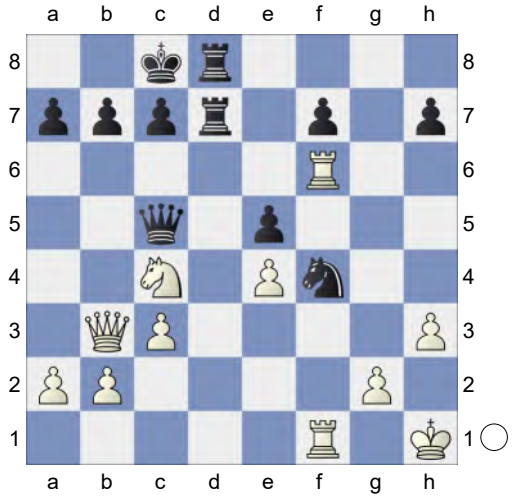
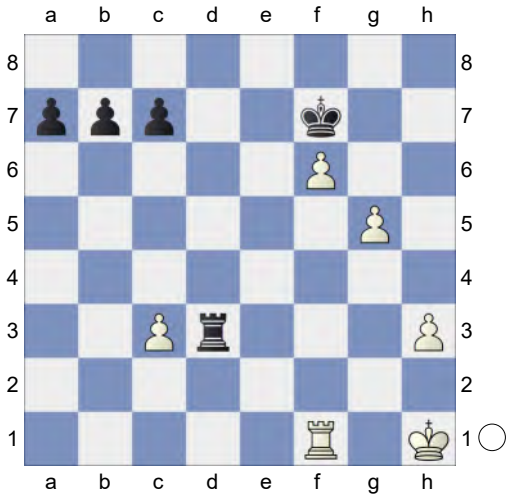


Rd7? 0.96/21
[16...Rhg8!∓ -0.94/19 and life is bright. Hoping for ...Nf4. 17.Raf1 *(17.Rxf7 Ng5∓)* 17...Ng5]
17.Raf1 0.00/19 White is more active.
[17.Rf5± 0.96/21 Ng7 18.Nxe5 *(18.Rxe5 Qf2±)* 18...Nxf5 19.Nxd7]
17...Rhd8 18.h3 -0.45/20
[18.Rxf7? Rxf7 19.Rxf7 Nf4-+]
[18.R6f5= 0.24/20 Nf4 19.h3 *(19.Rxe5? Qf2-+* Back Rank; *19.R1xf4? exf4 20.Rd5 Qf2-+)*]
18...Nf4? 1.34/19
[18...Ng5∓ -0.45/20 19.Qa4 Kb8 *(19...Nxe4 20.Nb6+* Discovered Attack *Qxb6 21.Rxb6+-)*]



19.Nxe5!± Qxe5 20.R6xf4 0.82/19
[⌓20.R1xf4 1.20/20 Hoping for R6f5!. Rd1+ 21.Rf1]
Black cannot hold the game after this.
20...Rd2? 2.97/18
[20...b6± 0.82/19]
21.Qxf7+-
[21.Rxf7 Qxe4 22.R7f3 a5=]
21...Rxb2 22.Qxh7 Rxa2 4.82/18
[22...Qxc3 3.17/19 might work better. 23.Rf8 Rbd2 24.Qf5+ Kb8]
23.Rf8 White is clearly winning.
23...Rad2 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Qf5+ Qxf5 26.exf5 Endgame KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **26...Kd7 27.g4 Ke7 28.g5 Rd3 29.f6+ Kf7**

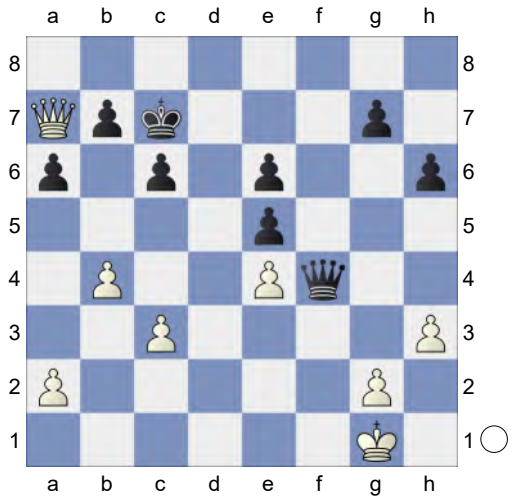


30.g6+! Promotion **30...Kxg6**
[30...Kf8 31.Kg2]
31.f7 Rxh3+ 32.Kg2 Rh8 33.f8Q
[Less strong is 33.f8B a5±]
33...Rxf8 34.Rxf8 KR-K3P **34...a5 35.Rb8 b6 36.Rb7 Kf5 37.Rxc7 Ke5 38.Rd7 b5 39.Kf3 a4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.87
40.Ke3
1-0

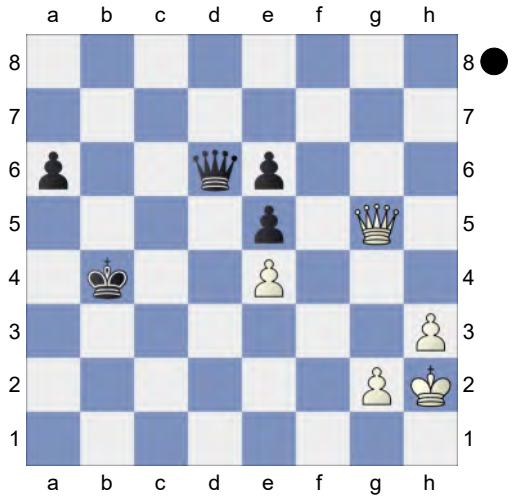
127 **C55**
□ **Geopromethe** **2835**
■ **Yeritsyan,Hayk** **2464**
Rapid 23.11.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Bg5 d6** -0.09/23
[7...h6∓ -0.59/23 8.f4 hxg5 9.fxe5 Ne6 10.exf6 gxf6]
8.f4!= Qe7 0.52/21
[Black should play 8...c6= -0.25/20]
9.Nc3N 0.07/22
[9.f5± 0.52/21 d5 10.c3 Nxf5 11.exf5 Qc5+ 12.Kh1 Qxc4 13.Nd2 Qc5 14.Nf3 Ne4 15.Bh4 f6 16.Nxe5 0-0 17.Nd3 Qb5 18.Nf4 Rd8 19.Nh5 Qd7 20.Rf4 Kh8 21.Qd3 c6 22.Rd1 Nd6 23.Rg4 Qxf5 24.Rxg7 ½-½ Herrera Idarraga,K (1668)-Valencia Quinchia,I (1865) COL-ch 20 Girls 2025 (6)]
[9.Na3 Bd7 10.c3 Ne6 11.Bxe6 *(11.fxe5 Nxg5 12.exf6 gxf6 13.Qd4 Rg8 14.Qxf6 Qxf6 15.Rxf6 Ke7 16.Raf1 Rg6 17.Rxg6 hxg6 18.h4 Ne6 19.Nc2 Rh8 20.g3 Be8 21.Ne3 c6 22.Kg2 Nc5 23.Rf4 Rh5 24.Ng4 Nd7 25.Be2 Ra5* 1-0 Riofrio,M (2399)-Fernandez,A (2397) Bastia (m/1-rapid) 96/74 2005 (6)*)* 11...Qxe6 12.f5 Qe7 13.Nc2 Bc6 14.Qe2 h6 15.Bh4 Qd7 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Rfd1 a5 18.c4 b6 19.Qf3 Ke7 20.Ne3 a4 21.Rac1 Ra5 22.b4 axb3 23.axb3 Rha8 0-1 Luther,J (2011)-Husted,P (2108) 68/107 Tilburg 1996 (7)]
[9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.fxe5 dxe5 11.Nc3 c6 12.Ne2 Bg4 13.c3 Ne6 14.Qd2 Qc5+ 15.Nd4 exd4 16.Bxe6 dxc3+ 17.Qf2 Qxf2+ 18.Rxf2 fxe6 19.bxc3 Rf8 20.Rb1 0-0-0 21.Rfb2 b6 22.a4 Rd1+ 0-1 Lanert,T (1398)-Dodul,A (1613) GER-ch U12 Willingen 2023 (5)]
9...Be6 0.82/20
[9...c6!= 0.07/22 keeps the balance.]
10.Bxe6? -0.91/23
[10.Nd5± 0.82/20 Bxd5 11.exd5]
10...fxe6∓ 11.fxe5 dxe5 12.Ne2 0-0-0 Black is more active. **13.Nxd4 Rxd4 14.Qf3 Rf8**
[14...Rxe4? 15.Qxe4 *(15.Bxf6 Qc5+ 16.Qf2 Qxf2+ 17.Rxf2 gxf6∓)* 15...h6 16.Qh4+- *(16.Qxe5 hxg5 17.Rae1 Re8+-)*]
15.Kh1 -1.69/20
[15.c3∓ -0.67/21 Rd7 *(15...Rxe4? 16.Qxe4* Pin *h6 17.Bxf6+-)* 16.Bh4]
15...h6 -1.29/19
[15...Rxe4? 16.Qxe4 h6 17.Bxf6 *(17.Qxe5 hxg5 18.a4 a6+-)* 17...gxf6 18.Qe3+-]
[15...Qe8-+ -1.69/20 16.Qe3 Kb8 *(16...Rxe4 17.Qxa7 Ra4 18.Qe3∓; 16...Nxe4? 17.c3+-)* 17.Bxf6 gxf6 *(17...Rxf6 18.h3∓)*]
16.Bxf6 -1.88/22
[16.c3∓ -1.29/19 keeps fighting. Rdd8 *(16...Rxe4? 17.Qxe4* Pin *hxg5 18.Qxe5+-)* 17.Bh4]
16...Rxf6-+
[16...Qxf6 17.Qe2 Qd8 18.Rxf8 Qxf8 19.Rf1]
17.Qe3 a6 -0.70/21
[17...b6-+ -1.89/21 and ...Rxf1+ would now be decisive 18.c3 Rd6]
18.c3!∓ Rd6 19.Qa7 c6 20.Rfd1 -0.85/22 Against Rd2
[20.a4∓ -0.46/23]
20...Rf8 -0.37/23
[20...g5∓ -0.85/22]
21.h3 Rfd8 0.00/26
[21...Rxd1+∓ -0.58/22 22.Rxd1 Rd8]

22.Rxd6!= Qxd6 Endgame KQR-KQR. Black is a pawn up.
[22...Rxd6 23.Qe3∓]
23.Rf1 Kc7 24.b4 Rf8 25.Rxf8 Qxf8 KQ-KQ. Black is a pawn up. **26.Kg1** Against Qf1+ **26...Qf4**



27.Qc5 Qf6 28.a4 b6 29.Qc4 Kb7 30.a5 Qe7 31.axb6 Kxb6 32.Kh2 Qd6 33.Qa2 g5 34.Qf2+ c5 35.Qf6 cxb4 36.cxb4 Kb5 37.Qxh6 Kxb4 38.Qxg5



and h4 would now be decisive **38...a5 39.Qc1 a4 40.Qb2+ Ka5 41.h4 a3 42.Qb3 Qe7 43.g3** -5.46/27
[43.h5= 0.00/30]
43...Qf8? -0.24/24
[43...Qb4-+ -5.46/27 44.Qxe6 Qb2+ *(44...Qxe4 45.Kh3∓)* 45.Kh3 a2 46.Qd5+ Kb4 47.Qd6+ Kc3 48.Qxe5+ Kc2 49.Qc5+ Kd3 50.Qd6+ Ke3 *(50...Kxe4 51.Qe6+ Kd3 52.Qf5+ Kc4 53.Qf7+ Kc5 54.Qc7+ Kd5 55.Qd7+ Ke4 56.Qe6+ Kd3 57.Qf5+ Ke2 58.Qe4+ Kd1 59.Qh1+ Kd2 60.Qg2+ Kc3 61.Qc6+ Kd3 62.Qf3+ Kc4 63.Qf7+ Kc5 64.Qc7+ Kd5 65.Qd7+ Kc5 66.Qc7+=)* 51.Qc5+ Ke2 *(51...Kxe4 52.Qc4+ Ke5 53.Qc7+ Ke6 54.Qc6+ Ke7 55.Qc7+ Ke6 56.Qc8+ Kd6 57.Qd8+ Ke6 58.Qe8+ Kd6 59.Qd8+ Ke6 60.Qe8+ Kd6 61.Qd8+=)* 52.Qh5+ Kf2 53.Qc5+ Kf1 54.Qf5+ Kg1 55.Qc5+ Kh1 *(55...Qf2? 56.Qe5-+)*]
White does not recover from this.
44.Kg2? -4.25/25
[44.Qc3+= -0.24/24 Qb4 45.Qxe5+ Qb5 46.Qc3+ Ka4 47.Qd4+ Qb4 48.Qd7+ Kb3 49.Qd1+ *(49.Qxe6+ Kb2∓)* 49...Kc4 50.Qe2+ Kd4 51.Qd1+ Ke3 *(51...Kxe4? 52.Qg4+* Skewer, Double Attack *Kd5 53.Qxb4+-)* 52.Qg1+ Kd3 *(52...Kxe4 53.Kh3∓)* 53.Kh3]
44...Qb4-+ 45.Qxe6 -6.42/18
[⚟45.Qe3 -4.11/19 Qb2+ 46.Kh3]
45...Qb2+
[45...Qxe4+ 46.Kh3∓]
46.Kh3 a2 47.Qd5+ Ka4 48.Qc4+ Ka3 49.Qa6+ Kb3 50.Qb5+ Kc2 51.Qe2+ Kc3 52.Qe1+ Kd3 53.Qd1+ Kxe4 54.Qe1+ Kd4 55.Qd1+ Kc5 56.Qg1+ Kc6 57.Qh1+ Kc7 58.Qd5 a1Q
[Less strong is 58...a1B 59.h5∓]
59.Qc5+ Kb7 (→ ...Qh1+) **60.Qd5+ Kb6 61.Qd6+ Kb5 62.Qd5+ Kb4 63.Qe4+ Qd4 64.Qb7+ Kc3** (→ ...Qf1+) **65.Qc6+ Kd2 66.Qg2+**

Kd3 -26.03/20
[⊿66...Ke3 -#7/19 67.h5 Qad1 68.g4 Qf3+ 69.Kh2 Qdf4+ *(69...Qdxg4 70.Qxg4 Qxg4 71.Kh1 Kf3 72.h6 Qg2#)* 70.Kh1 Q4g3 *(70...Q4xg4? 71.Qxf3+ Kxf3 72.h6 Qg2#)* 71.Qxf3+ Kxf3 72.h6 Qg2#]
67.Qf3+ Kc4 68.Qc6+ Kb4 69.Qb7+ Ka3 70.Qa6+ Kb2 71.Qe2+ Kb1 72.Qe1+ Ka2 73.Qe2+ Qab2 74.Qa6+ Qa3 75.Qe2+ Qdb2 76.Qc4+ Ka1 (→ ...Qf2) **77.Qf1+ Qc1 78.Qe2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/ Black=0.27 (precise) **78...Qc8+** -44.28/25
[⊿78...Qh1+ -#11/15 79.Qh2 Qxh2+ 80.Kxh2 e4 81.h5 e3 *(81...Qc1* is a self mate. *82.Kg2 Qc2+ 83.Kh3 e3 84.Kh4 e2 85.Kg5 e1Q 86.h6 Qxg3+ 87.Kf6 Qcg6+ 88.Ke7 Q3d6#)* 82.Kg2 e2 *(82...Ka2 83.h6 Qa8+ 84.Kh3 e2 85.Kh4 e1Q 86.h7 Qae4+ 87.Kh5 Qxg3 88.h8Q Qgh4#)* 83.Kf2 Qd3 *(83...Qe7 84.Ke1 Qe4 85.h6 Qd3 86.Kf2 Qd2 87.Kg2 e1Q+ 88.Kh3 Qxh6+ 89.Kg4 Qe4#)* 84.g4 Qd2 *(84...Qd4+ 85.Kxe2 Qxg4+ 86.Kf2 Qxh5 87.Kg3 Qg5+ 88.Kf2 Qg4 89.Ke3 Kb2 90.Kf2 Kb3 91.Ke3 Kc3 92.Kf2 Kd3 93.Kf1 Ke3 94.Ke1 Qg1#)* 85.Kf3 e1Q *(85...e1R 86.g5 Qxg5 87.Kf2 Qe3+ 88.Kg2 Rg1+ 89.Kh2 Qg3#)* 86.g5 Qef2+ 87.Kg4 Qd7#]
0-1

128 **C55**
□ **ManuDavid2910** **2834**
■ **Caviar2068** **3015**
Blitz 14.04.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Be6** 0.09/21
[Black should play 9...Qe7∓ -0.56/17 10.Nd2 h5]
10.Na3= Qe7 11.c3 Bxc4 12.Bxf6! gxf6 13.Nxc4 Qc5 14.cxd4 Qxc4 15.Rc1
[15.Rxf6 Qxd4+ 16.Qxd4 exd4∓]
15...Qxd4+ 16.Qxd4 exd4 17.Rxc7± Endgame KRR-KRR. Black is a pawn up. **17...0-0 18.Rxf6**
[18.Rxb7 Kg7=]
18...Rac8N 1.45/23
[18...b5± 0.33/19]
[18...Rae8 19.Rf4 b6 20.Rxa7 Rc8 21.h3 Rc2 22.Rf2 Rxf2 23.Kxf2 Rc8 24.b3 Rc2+ 25.Kf3 Rc3+ 26.Kf4 Rc2 27.g4 Rf2+ 28.Ke5 d3 29.Rd7 d2 30.Rd3 Kg7 31.Kd4 Rh2 32.b4 Kf6 33.a4 1-0 Scheeff,V (2111)-Lubbe,N (2369) Stuttgart-ch op 2009 (2) Ke6 34.Kc3 Rxh3 35.Kxd2 Rh4 36.Rg3 Ke5 37.Kd3 h5 38.gxh5 f5 39.h6 fxe4+ 40.Ke3 Rxh6 41.Rg5+ Kd6 ½-½ Martin,P (2537)-Poplawski, M (2580) GER-ch U08 Girls 2023 (5)]

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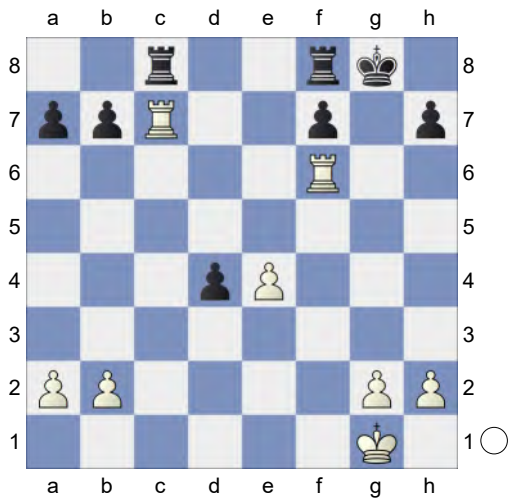
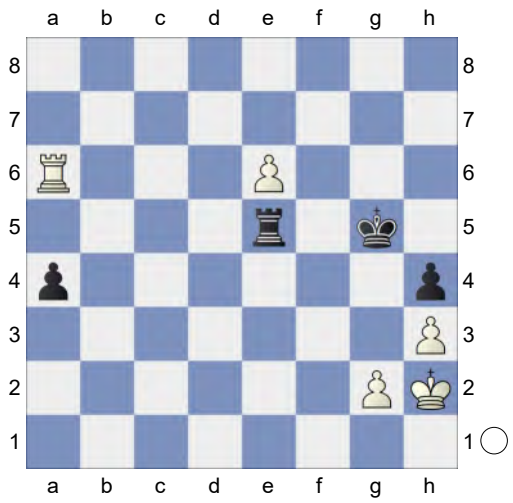


19.Rfxf7!± Deflection. White is much more active.
[19.Rxb7?! Rc2±]
19...Rxf7 2.94/16
[19...Rxc7± 1.23/25 20.Rxc7 d3]
20.Rxc8+ KR-KR. White is a pawn up.
20...Kg7 21.Rd8 Rc7 22.h3? 0.40/20
[22.Rxd4+- 2.44/21 Rb4 is the strong threat. Kf6 23.Rb4]
22...Rc2!± 23.Rd7+ Kf6 24.Rxd4
[24.Rxb7 Ke5 25.Re7+ *(25.Rxh7 d3=)* 25...Kf4]
24...Rxb2 25.Rd7 h5 26.a4 Rb4 27.a5 a6 1.14/19
[27...Rb5= 0.09/21 remains equal.]
28.Kh2 0.06/26
[28.Kf2± 1.14/19]
28...h4 The position is equal. **29.Rh7 Kg5 30.e5 Rb5 31.e6 Rxa5 32.Rxb7 Re5 33.Rb6 a5 34.Ra6 a4**

(Diagram)



Deflection **35.Rxa4 Rxe6 36.Ra5+ Kg6 37.Ra4 Kg5 38.Ra3 Re4 39.Kg1 Re2 40.Ra5+ Kg6 41.Rd5 Ra2 42.Kf1 Rb2 43.Re5 Ra2 44.Re2 Ra3 45.Kf2 Kf5 46.Re3 Ra1 47.Rb3 Ra2+ 48.Kf3 Ra5 49.Re3 Rb5 50.Rd3 Ra5 51.Rc3 Rb5 52.Ra3 Rc5 53.Re3 Rb5 54.Kf2 Ra5 55.Kg1 Rb5 56.Re8 Kg5 57.Rg8+ Kh5 58.Kh2 Ra5 59.Rg4 Ra2 60.Re4 Rb2 61.Kg1 Ra2 62.Kf1 Ra1+ 63.Kf2 Ra3 64.Re5+ Kg6 65.Re3 Ra2+ 66.Kf3 Kf5 67.Rd3 Rb2 68.Rd5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.22 (precise)
68...Kg6
½-½

129 **C55**
□ **cygnet26** **2833**
■ **NoRolex** **2907**
Blitz 29.03.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Ne6** 0.08/20 Prevents f4.
[8...Qe7∓ -0.37/22 should be

considered.]
[8...d6 9.f4 Bg4 10.Bxf6 Bxd1 11.Bxd8 Rxd8 12.Rxd1 Nxc2 13.Nc3 *(13.Na3 Nxa1 14.Rxa1 c6 15.Rf1 exf4 16.Rxf4 0-0 17.Kf2 Kh8 18.Ke3 d5* 0-1 Tumukunde,T-Okurut,M (1493) UGA-ch U20 Kampala 2025 (4) *)* 13...Nxa1 14.Rxa1 exf4 15.Nd5 Kd7 16.Nxf4 Rde8 17.Bxf7 Rxe4 18.Rf1 c6 19.Bg6 Re5 20.g4 Kc7 21.Bf7 Rb8 22.Ne6+ Kb6 23.Rf5 0-1 Pozzari,S (2048)-Basso,P (2516) ITA-ch 83rd Turin 2024 (10)]

9.Bxe6!= dxe6 10.Qf3 The position is equal. **10...Bd7N**

[10...Qe7 11.Rd1 b6 12.Qc3 Bb7 *(12...Qc5 13.Qxc5 bxc5 14.f3 Bb7 15.Na3 a6 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Nc4* #8 Theory 1A: 3... Bc5-A: 3...Bc5 7. Bg5*)* 13.Qxe5 g5 14.Bg3 Bxe4 15.Nc3 #9 Theory 1A: 3... Bc5-A: 3...Bc5 7. Bg5]
[10...g5 11.Bg3 Nd7 12.Qc3 f6 13.Rd1 Qe7 14.Qxc7 Nc5 15.Qxe7+ Kxe7 16.f3 #10 Theory 1A: 3... Bc5-A: 3...Bc5 7. Bg5]

11.Rd1 White has compensation.

11...Qe7 12.Nc3 -0.36/21
[12.Qc3!± 0.34/21]

12...0-0-0 0.00/20
[12...Bc6∓ -0.36/21]

13.a4 -0.85/20
[13.Bg3!= 0.00/20 keeps the balance.]

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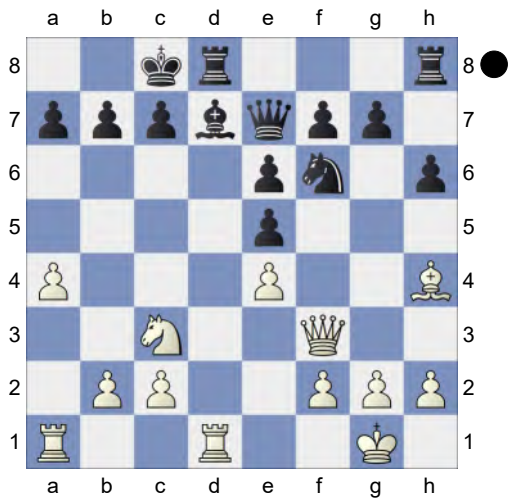
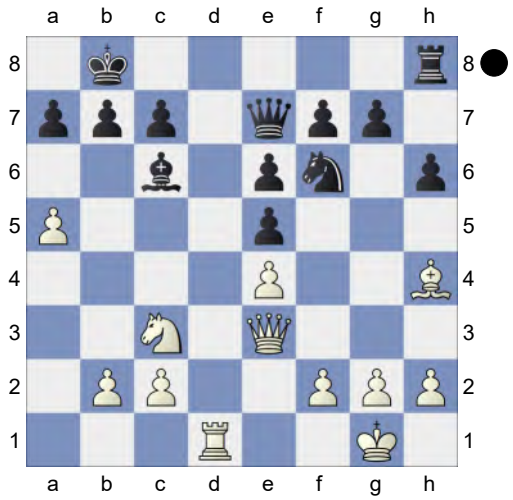


13...Bc6!∓ 14.Qe3 Kb8 -0.31/20
[14...b6∓ -0.75/21]

15.a5 -0.84/23
[15.f3!∓ -0.31/20]

15...Rxd1+ 16.Rxd1



Rd8 -0.24/23
[16...g5!∓ -0.94/20 17.Bg3 Nd7]

17.Ra1? -1.84/23
[17.Rxd8+!= -0.24/23 Qxd8 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Qc5]

17...Qb4-+ 18.b3 -2.03/23
[⊼18.Rb1 -1.61/23]

18...Ng4
[18...Bxe4? 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Nxe4+- *(20.Qxe4? Qxc3 21.Rf1 f5-+)*]

19.Qe1 g5 20.Bg3 h5 -0.63/23

[20...f5-+ -1.98/22 21.exf5 exf5 22.Bxe5 Qc5 *(22...Re8 23.Bxc7+ Kc8 24.Qd2=)*]

21.h3 -1.14/24

[21.h4!∓ -0.63/23]

21...h4!∓ Black has more active pieces.

22.Bh2 -2.38/25

[22.Bxh4∓ -1.21/23 gxh4 23.hxg4]

22...Nxh2-+ 23.Kxh2 f5 24.exf5 -3.08/25

[24.Qe3 -2.14/23 keeps fighting.]

24...Qf4+

[24...exf5 25.Qxe5 a6 26.Rd1 Rxd1 27.Nxd1∓]

25.Kg1 exf5 26.Rd1 Rxd1 -0.93/22

[26...Rd4-+ -2.70/22 and Black stays clearly on top. ...b6 would now be deadly. 27.f3 a6]

27.Qxd1 Endgame KQB-KQN. Black is a pawn up. **27...Qd4 28.Qh5** -3.73/24 **a6**

[Inferior is 28...Qxc3 29.Qh8+]

29.Ne2 -6.32/21

[29.Na4 -2.52/20 f4 30.Qf7]

29...Qe4 30.Qxg5 Qxe2 31.Qxf5 -7.42/22

[⊼31.Qxh4 -4.94/18 Qe1+ *(31...Qxc2? 32.Qh8+ Ka7 33.Qxe5-+)* 32.Kh2]

31...Qd1+ 32.Kh2 Qd4 33.Qf6 Qf4+ 34.Qxf4 exf4 KB-KP **35.c4 Kc8 36.b4 Kd7 37.c5 Ke6 38.g3 Kf5 39.gxh4 Kg6 40.h5+ Kxh5 41.Kg1 Kh4 42.Kh2 Bf3 43.c6 bxc6 44.Kg1 Kxh3** KB-K3P **45.Kf1 Kh2 46.Ke1 Kg2 47.Kd2 Kxf2** (→ ...Be2). KB-KPP **48.Kd3 Be2+ 49.Kd2 f3** -24.09/23

[⊼49...Bb5 -#12/14 50.Kc2 Ke3 51.Kc1 f3 52.Kc2 f2 53.Kc1 f1Q+ *(53...f1R+* gets mated. *54.Kc2 Kd4 55.Kb2 Rf2+ 56.Kc1 Kc3 57.Kb1 Bc4 58.Kc1 Rf1#)* 54.Kb2 Kd3 55.Ka2 Kc3 56.Ka3 Qa1#]

50.Kc3 Bb5 Black mates. **51.Kd4 Ke2 52.Ke5 f2 53.Ke6 f1Q 54.Kd7 Qe1 55.Kc8 Qxb4 56.Kb7 Qxa5 57.Ka7 c5 58.Ka8 c4 59.Ka7 Qb6+ 60.Ka8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.86/ Black=0.47 **60...Bc6#**

0-1

130 **C50**

□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2832**

■ **So,Wesley** **2757**

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[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 a5 7.Re1 0-0 8.h3 h6** White has an edge. 8...Be6 is more fashionable. 8...Le6 ist modischer.

9.Bb3N

[9.Nbd2 Be6 10.Bb5 Bb6 11.Nc4 Bc5 12.Ncd2 Bb6 13.Nf1 Ne7 14.d4 exd4 15.cxd4 d5 16.e5 Ne4 17.Ng3 Nxg3 18.fxg3 c6 19.Bd3 Nf5 20.Bxf5 Bxf5 21.Be3 Be4 22.Nd2 Bg6 23.Bf2 a4 ½-½ Niemann,H (2675)-Tari,A (2635) Titled Tuesday intern op 13th Feb Late blitz 2024 (5)]

9...Be6 10.Bc2 Ba7 0.66/19

[10...d5= 0.00/21]

11.Nbd2 0.17/20

[11.d4± 0.66/19]

11...d5= 12.exd5 Qxd5 13.Qe2 Rfe8 14.Nf1 -0.06/18

[⊼14.Ne4 0.30/19]

14...Rad8 15.Ng3 Prevents Bf5 **15...b5 16.Be3**

[16.Nxe5? Nxe5 *(16...Bxh3? 17.gxh3 Nxe5 18.Ne4-+)* 17.d4 *(17.Qxe5? Bd7-+)* 17...Ng6-+]

16...Bxe3 17.Qxe3N

[Vorgänger: 17.fxe3 Qd6 18.Qf2 Ne7 0.66/20 *(18...e4= 0.26/21* feels stronger. *19.dxe4 Ne5)* 19.d4± exd4 20.cxd4 Nfd5 1.17/21 *(⌓20...Qb6 0.73/19)* 21.e4 0.68/18 *(*Better is *21.a3± 1.17/21)* 21...Nf4 22.Kh2 ½-½ Kadric,D (2579)-Donchenko,A (2676) EU-Cup 38th Durres 2023 (3.1)]

17...Bc8 1.12/19

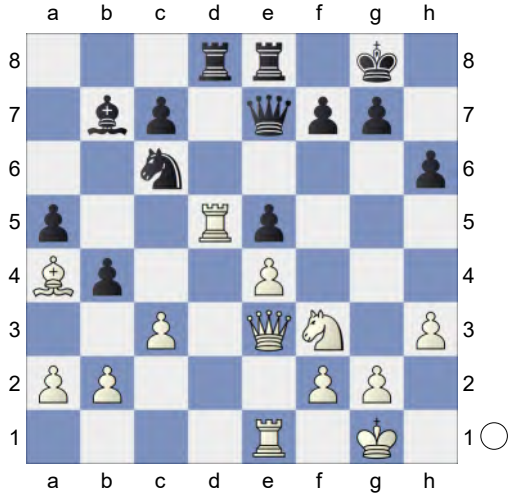
[17...Qd6= 0.00/21 remains equal.]

Black is on the road to losing. **18.Ne4± Nxe4 19.dxe4 Qd6 20.Rad1 Qe7** 1.49/20

[Black should try 20...Qg6 1.08/17 21.Qc5 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 Re6 *(22...Bxh3 23.Nh4±)* 23.Qxb5 Kh7]

21.Rd5 b4 22.Ba4 Bb7 2.07/18

[22...Rd6 1.70/19 23.cxb4 axb4]



23.Bxc6!+- Bxc6 24.Rxa5

[24.Rxe5 Qd6 25.Rxe8+ *(25.Rxa5 Rxe4 26.Qc5 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qf6∓)* 25...Rxe8±]

24...Qd6 25.Qc5 bxc3 26.Qxc3

[26.Nxe5 Rxe5 27.Qxe5 Qxe5 28.Rxe5 c2-+]

26...f6? 3.93/20

[26...Ba8 2.35/17 might work better. 27.Rc5 *(27.Rxe5 c5+-; 27.Nxe5 f6+-)* 27...f5 28.exf5 *(28.Nxe5 Bxe4 29.a4 Qd4+-)* 28...Bxf3]

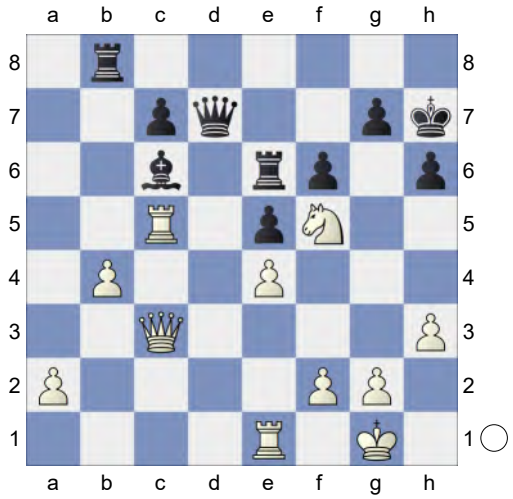
27.Rc5 2.30/16

[⌓27.Ra6 3.93/20 Re6 28.Rc1]

27...Re6 28.b4 Rb8 4.14/20

[⌓28...Be8 2.61/18 29.Rxc7 Re7 30.Rxe7 Qxe7]

29.Nh4 Kh7 30.Nf5 Qd7



31.a4! Rc8

[31...Bxa4 32.Rxc7]

32.b5 White is clearly winning. **32...Ba8 33.a5 Ree8 34.f3 c6 35.b6 Bb7 36.Qb3** Black must now prevent Rd1. **36...Red8 37.Rcc1 c5** 6.24/19

[⌓37...Qd3 4.45/19]

38.Red1 c4 39.Rxd7

[39.Rxc4? Qxd1+ 40.Qxd1 Rxd1+-+]

39...cxb3 40.Rxg7+

[40.Rxb7 Rxc1+ 41.Kh2 Rg8 42.Nxg7 b2 *(42...Rxg7? 43.Rxg7+ Kxg7 44.b7-+)* 43.Nf5+ Kh8 44.Nxh6 Rg6 *(44...b1B? 45.Nxg8 Ba2 46.Nxf6+-)* 45.Nf7+ Kg8-+]

40...Kh8 41.Rb1 Ba6 42.Rxb3 Rc2 43.Rc7 Ra2 44.b7

[44.Nxh6 Rdd2 45.Kh1 *(45.Nf7+ Kg8=)* 45...Rxg2=]

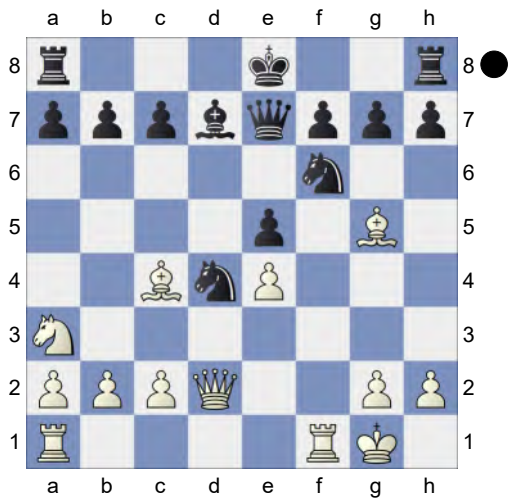
44...Rg8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.44 **45.Ne3**

[45.b8N? gets mated. Rgxg2+ 46.Kh1 Rh2+ 47.Kg1 Rag2#]
[Weaker is 45.b8Q Raxg2+ 46.Kh1 Rg1+ 47.Kh2 R1g2+ 48.Kh1 Rg1+ 49.Kh2 R1g2+ 50.Kh1=]
1-0

131 **C55**
□ **ManuDavid2910** **2830**
■ **wounded_thirteenth** **2872**
Blitz 08.05.2022
[Kitty Kat]

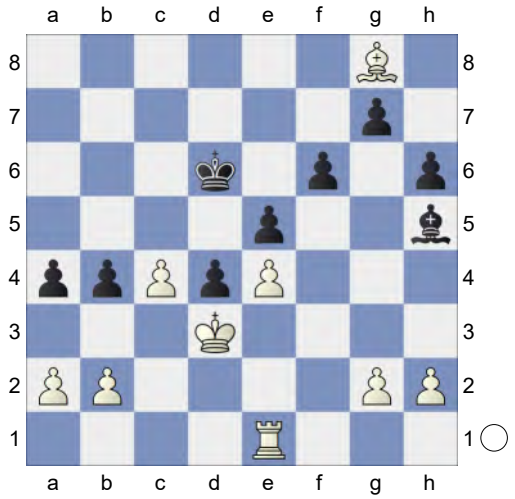
Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Qe7** aiming for ...Qc5. **10.Na3** -0.86/19
[10.Kh1∓ -0.39/20]
10...Bd7 -0.40/19
[10...Ne6∓ -0.86/19 11.Bh4 a6]
11.Qd2
[11.c3 Ne6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Qf3 Nf4 14.Kh1 f5 15.exf5 0-0-0 16.Ba6 c6 17.Qe3 Qg5 18.Rf2 bxa6 19.Qxa7 Bxf5 20.Nc4 Nd5 21.Na5 Rd7 22.Qa8+ Kc7 23.Qxh8 Be4 24.Qa8 Nf4 25.Qb7+ Kd8 1-0 Can,E (2578)-Volokitin,A (2687) Terme Catez 152/(40) 2022]

(Diagram)



11...a6N -0.35/18
[11...Nxe4?! 12.Bxf7+ Qxf7 13.Rxf7 Nxd2 14.Re7+ Kd8 15.Rxg7+ Kc8 16.Bxd2±]
[11...Ne6!∓ -0.74/18 12.Bxf6 gxf6]
[11...0-0-0 12.Qf2 Qc5 13.Bxf6 gxf6 Max Lange Gambit-Qe7,C 2008]
12.Qf2∓ Black is slightly better. **12...b5**
13.Bd3 -1.02/20
[13.Bxf6= -0.24/21 gxf6 *(13...Qxf6 14.Bxf7+ Ke7 15.Qe1=)* 14.c3]
13...c5 -0.63/21
[13...Ng4∓ -1.02/20 14.Bxe7 Nxf2]
14.c4 b4 -0.25/18
[Black should try 14...h6∓ -0.91/20 15.Qh4 Rg8 *(15...hxg5 16.Qxh8+ Qf8 17.Qxf8+ Kxf8 18.Rfe1∓)* 16.Bxf6 gxf6]
15.Nc2= Nxc2 0.18/17
[⌓15...Ne6 -0.25/21 16.Bxf6 Qxf6]
16.Bxc2 Loses the game. **16...Be6?** 2.19/18
[16...h6= 0.19/18 and Black is okay. 17.Bxf6 gxf6]
17.Ba4++- Kf8 3.25/20
[17...Kd8 2.25/18 18.Qg3 Kc7]
18.Bc6
[18.Bxf6 gxf6± 19.Qh4 Kg7±]
18...h6? 4.47/20
[18...Rd8 2.11/19 was called for.]

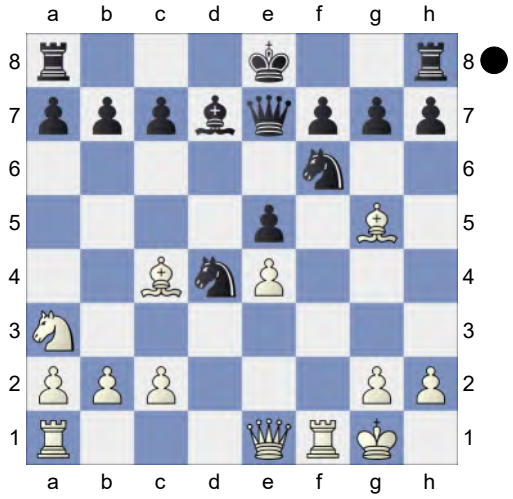
19.Bxf6
[Weaker is 19.Bxa8 hxg5 20.a3 Ng4±]
19...Qxf6 20.Bxa8 Qxf2+ 21.Rxf2 Ke7 22.Bd5 Rd8 23.Raf1 f6 24.Rd2 a5 25.Rfd1 Threatens to win with Bxe6. **25...Bg4 26.Re1 a4 27.Kf2 Bh5 28.Ke3 Rd6 29.Bg8 Rd4 30.Rxd4** White is clearly winning. **30...cxd4+ 31.Kd3 Kd6**



32.c5+! Kxc5 33.Rc1+ Kb5 34.Rc7 g6 35.Bf7 a3 36.bxa3 bxa3 37.Ra7 Kb4 38.Ra6 Bd1 39.Rb6+ Kc5 40.Rxf6 Ba4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.53 **41.Bc4**
1-0

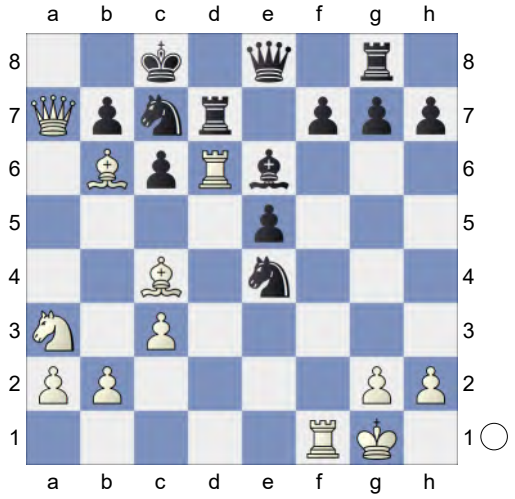
132 **C55**
□ **ManuDavid2910** **2829**
■ **Rap_Monster** **2820**
Blitz 08.04.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Qe7 10.Na3** -0.95/19
[10.Kh1∓ -0.40/18]
10...Bd7 -0.35/20
[10...Ne6∓ -0.95/19 11.Bh4 0-0]
11.Qe1∓
[11.c3 Ne6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Qf3 Nf4 14.Kh1 f5 15.exf5 0-0-0 16.Ba6 c6 17.Qe3 Qg5 18.Rf2 bxa6 19.Qxa7 Bxf5 20.Nc4 Nd5 21.Na5 Rd7 22.Qa8+ Kc7 23.Qxh8 Be4 24.Qa8 Nf4 25.Qb7+ Kd8 1-0 Can,E (2578)-Volokitin,A (2687) Terme Catez 152/(40) 2022]



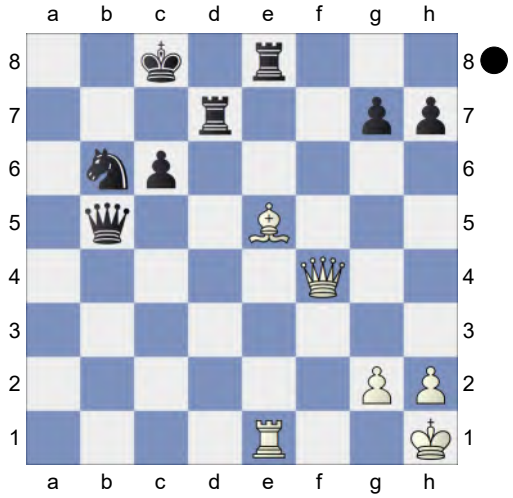
11...0-0-0 -0.30/22
[Better is 11...Ne6!∓ -0.76/19 12.Bh4 b5 13.Bxe6 *(13.Nxb5? Qc5+ 14.Rf2 Qxc4-+; 13.Bxb5? Bxb5 14.Nxb5 Qc5+ 15.Qf2 Qxb5-+)* 13...Qxe6]
12.Qf2= Black has an edge. **12...Rhg8N** 0.31/16
[12...a6= -0.28/19]
[12...Qc5 13.Bxf6 gxf6 Max Lange Gambit-Qe7,C 2008]
13.c3± Ne6 14.Qxa7!
[14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Kh1 Kb8 16.Qxf6 Rge8=]
14...c6? 3.68/20
[14...Qc5+± 0.46/18 15.Qxc5 Nxc5]
15.Be3+- Nc7 Prevents Ba6 **16.Bc5 Qe8 17.Bb6** This pair of bishops is nice.

17...Be6 4.54/17
[17...Bg4 3.12/17 keeps fighting. 18.Bb3 Be2]
18.Qa5 Rd7 19.Rad1 Strongly threatening Bxc7.
[19.Qxe5 Bxc4 20.Qxe8+ *(20.Nxc4 Qxe5 21.Nxe5 Re7±)* 20...Rxe8±]
19...Kb8 20.Rd6 Decoy **20...Nxe4 21.Qa7+?** 1.05/5
[21.Rxd7+- 4.41/20 Qxd7 22.Bxe6 *(22.Qxe5 Nd6±)* 22...fxe6 23.Qa7+ *(23.Qxe5 Nf6+-)* 23...Kc8 24.Nc4]
21...Kc8±



22.Rxc6 0.34/19 White has more active pieces. **22...bxc6± 23.Ba6+?** -3.92/19
[23.Bxe6!± 0.52/19 was forced to keep a grip. Qxe6 24.Bxc7 Remove Defender]
23...Nxa6-+ 24.Qxa6+ Kb8 25.Re1 f5 26.Nc4 Bxc4 27.Qxc4 Rb7 28.Be3 Rf8 29.b4 Qd7 30.a4 Qd5 31.Qf1 f4 32.Bc1 Nxc3 33.Bb2 Nxa4 34.Bxe5+ Kc8 35.Qa6 Nb6 Repels Qa8+ **36.b5 Qc5+ 37.Kh1 Qxb5 38.Qa1 Re8 39.Qd4 Rd7 40.Qxf4**

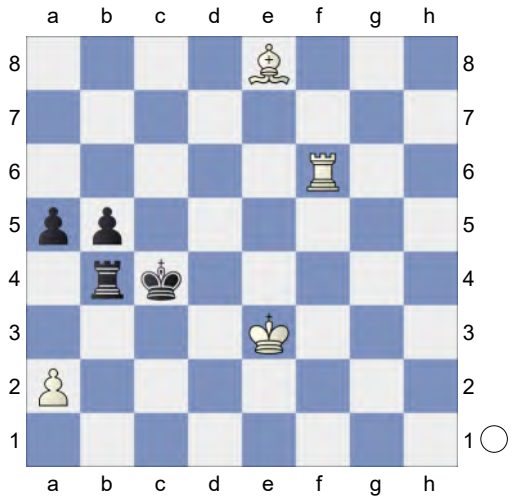
(Diagram)



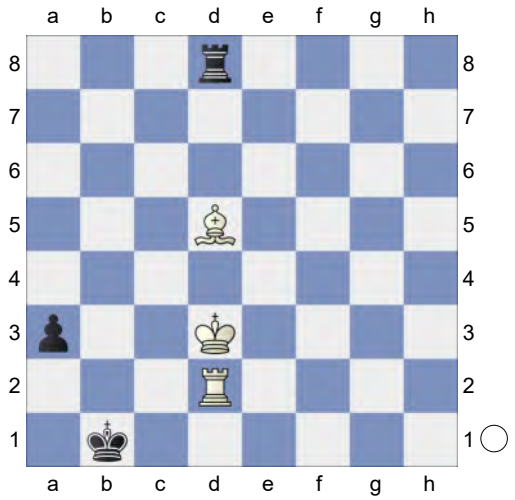
Rxe5! 41.Ra1
[41.Rg1 Rf5]
41...Red5 42.Qg4 Inhibits Rd1+. **42...Kb7 43.h3 Qb2 44.Rf1 Qc2** And now ...Rd1 would win. **45.Kh2 Rd1 46.Rf3 Qc1 47.Qb4 Rh1+ 48.Kg3 Qe1+ 49.Qxe1 Rxe1 50.Kh4 Red1 51.g4 R1d4 52.Rf5 h6 53.Rf1 R7d5 54.Kg3 Rg5 55.h4 Rgxg4+ 56.Kh3 Rxh4+ 57.Kg3 Rdg4+ 58.Kf3 Re4** (→ ...Rhf4+) **59.Rb1 Rhf4+ 60.Kg3 Rb4 61.Rd1 Rg4+ 62.Kh3 Rgf4 63.Rf1 Rg4** -10.87/15
[⌓63...Rxf1 -#5/17 64.Kg2 Ra1 65.Kg3 Ra3+ 66.Kh2 Rb2+ 67.Kh1 Ra1#]
64.Rd1 Rh4+ 65.Kg3 Rhg4+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/ Black=0.49 **66.Kh3!** An unexpected result.
½-½

133 **C55**
□ **cygnet26** **2827**
■ **Somesweeties** **2741**
Blitz 29.03.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 d6 9.f4 Bg4 10.Bxf6!** The position is equal. **10...Bxd1 11.Bxd8 Rxd8 12.Rxd1 Nxc2 13.Nc3 Nxa1 14.Rxa1 exf4 15.Nd5 Kd7 16.Nxf4 Rhe8**
[16...Rde8 17.Bxf7 Rxe4 18.Rf1 c6 19.Bg6 Re5 20.g4 Kc7 21.Bf7 Rb8 22.Ne6+ Kb6 23.Rf5 Re4 24.h3 g5 25.Rf3 a5 26.Kf2 d5 27.Rf6 Rh8 28.a3 Rc4 29.Bg6 Rc1 30.Nf8 Rh1 31.Kg3 0-1 Pozzari,S (2048)-Basso,P (2516) ITA-ch 83rd Turin 2024 (10)]
17.Bd3 Re5 Against Nh5 **18.Rf1N c6 19.Ne2 Rf8 20.Nd4 d5 21.Nf3** White has compensation. **21...Re7 22.exd5 cxd5 23.Nd4 g6** 2.41/18 Prevents Nf5
[23...Rg8⩲ 0.38/21]
24.Bxg6+- Pin **24...a6 25.Bc2 Kc7 26.Nf5** 1.38/17
[26.Rd1+- 2.59/18]
26...Re5 2.58/18
[26...Re2± 1.38/17 27.Bb3 Rxb2]
27.Nxh6 Re2 28.Bb3
[28.Rxf7+? Rxf7 29.Nxf7 Rxc2-+]
28...Rxb2 2.83/18
[⌂28...d4 2.01/16 29.Rd1 *(29.Rxf7+ Rxf7 30.Nxf7 d3⩱; 29.Nxf7 d3+-)* 29...f5 30.Rxd4 Rxb2]
29.Bxd5 f6 30.h4 Rd8 31.Bb3 0.34/18
[31.Rf5+- 2.71/18]
31...Rdd2⩲ 32.Kh2
[32.Rxf6 Rxg2+ 33.Kf1 Rh2∓]
32...Rxg2+ 33.Kh3 Rh2+ 34.Kg4 Rbg2+ 35.Kf3 Rxh4 1.54/26
[35...Rd2⩲ 0.31/21]
36.Kxg2 Rxh6 Endgame KRB-KR **37.Kf3** 0.98/23
[Better is 37.Rf5 1.51/27]
37...b5± 38.Rf2 Kb6 1.17/25
[38...a5⩲ 0.67/24]
39.Ke4 a5 40.Bf7 Kc5 1.97/19
[40...a4± 0.77/23 keeps fighting.]
41.Rf5+!+- Kb6 42.Be8? 0.12/25
[42.Kd4+- 3.44/25]
42...Rh4+ 43.Kf3 Rb4 44.Rxf6+ 0.31/22
[44.Ke3! 0.68/22 is more appropriate.]
44...Kc5⩲ 45.Ke3 Rc6+ is the strong threat. **45...Kc4?** 2.17/24
[45...Rb2= 0.22/22 and Black stays safe.]



46.Bf7+? 0.12/24
[46.Rc6+!+- 2.17/24 Kd5 47.Rc8]
46...Kc3= 47.Rc6+ Kb2 48.Kd2 a4 49.Rc5 Rd4+ 50.Ke3 Rb4 51.Kd3 Ka3 52.Rc3+ Kb2 53.Rc5 Ka3 54.Be8 Kxa2 55.Bxb5 a3 56.Bc4+ Kb2 57.Bd5 Rb8 58.Rc2+ Kb1
[58...Ka1 59.Ra2+ Kb1 60.Rxa3+-]
59.Rd2 Rd8? 7.33/23
[59...Rc8= 0.00/29]



60.Kc3!+- **Rxd5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/Black=0.48 **61.Rxd5**
1-0

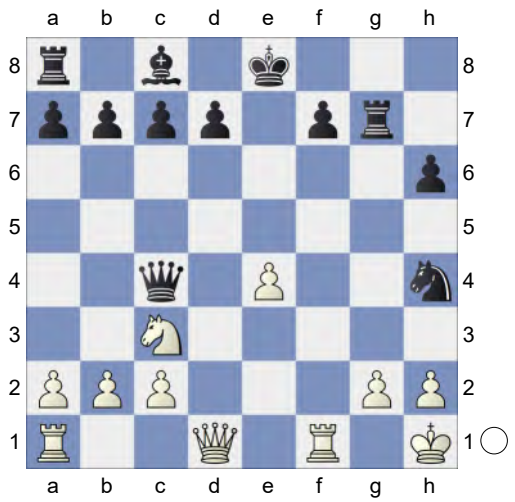
134 **C51**
□ **AldoGamer001_Bot** **2826**
■ **BotalexM** **2665**
Blitz 28.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Be7 6.d4 Na5 7.Bd3 d6 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Nf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qc2 Qd6 12.Nf3 Rd8 13.Be2 Qc6 14.Nbd2 h6 15.Rb1 b6 16.e5 Nd5 17.Ne4 Bf8 18.Bb5 Qe6 19.Bd3 Qc6 20.Re1 Bg4 21.Nd4 Qd7 22.h3 c5 23.hxg4 cxd4 24.Bxh6 Qxg4 25.Bg5 Rdc8 26.Bd2 Nb4 27.Rxb4 Bxb4 28.Ng5 Be7 29.Bf5 Rxc3 30.Bxc3 Qxg5 31.Bd2 Qh4 32.e6 Rf8 33.exf7+ Rxf7 34.Bxa5 bxa5 35.Be6 Qf6 36.Qc8+ Bf8 37.Bxf7+ Qxf7 38.Re8 d3 39.Rd8 a4 40.g3 Qf3 41.Qc4+ Qf7 42.Qxa4 a5 43.Rxd3 Be7 44.Qxa5 g6 45.Qa8+ Kg7 46.Qb7 g5 47.a4 Qe6 48.Re3 Qxe3 49.fxe3 Kf6 50.a5 Bd8 51.a6 Be7 52.a7 g4 53.a8Q Bc5 54.Qc6+ Bd6 55.Qxd6+ Kg7 56.Qe8 Kh7 57.Qdg6#
1-0

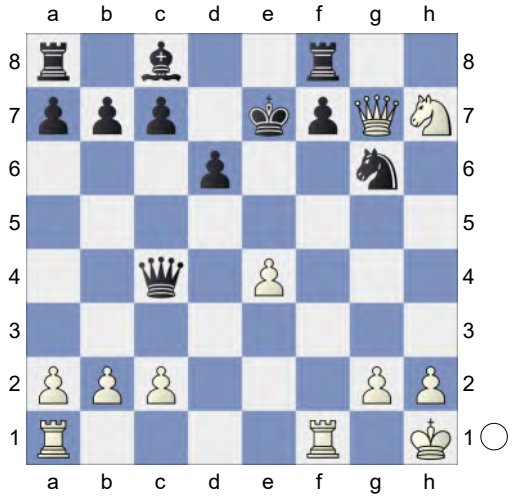
135 **C55**
□ **cygnet26** **2825**
■ **JuleVerne** **2715**
Blitz 27.03.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Qe7! 9.f4 Qc5 10.fxe5** Black is better. **10...Nf3+** Discovered Attack (Double Check). A dynamic duo of knights.
[10...Nxc2+?! 11.Rf2 Nxa1 12.exf6 Qxc4 13.fxg7=]
11.Kh1 Nxh4 12.exf6 Qxc4 13.fxg7 Rg8 14.Nc3 Rxg7N 2.24/22
[14...c6!∓ -0.77/22 Strongly threatening ...d6!.
A) 15.Qd2 d6 *(15...Ng6 16.e5 Rxg7 17.Rae1 Qb4 18.Qxh6 Qf8 19.Ne4 Kd8 20.Nd6* #4 Theory 1A1: 7... h6-A1: 7...h6*)* 16.Rae1 Be6 17.Nd5 cxd5 18.exd5 Rxg7 19.dxe6 Qc6 20.exf7+ Kd7 21.Re2 Rf8 22.Qe3 #2 Theory 1A1: 7... h6-A1: 7...h6;
B) 15.Qh5 Ng6 16.Qxh6 d6 17.Qh7 Ne7 18.Rae1 Be6 The Quiet Italian and 4. 0-0-5.d4 with 7.Bg5,9]

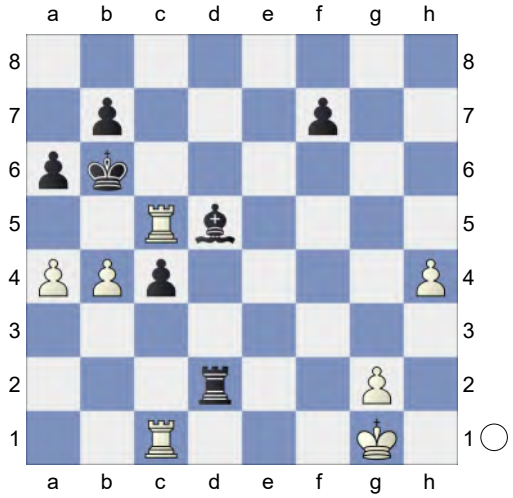
(Diagram)



15.Qh5!+- Against d6 **15...Ng6** 3.22/26
[15...Nxg2? 16.Qe5+ Kf8 17.Nd5+-]
[⌓15...d6 2.16/19]
16.Qxh6? 1.12/20
[16.Nd5+- 3.22/26]
16...Rg8? 2.81/24
[16...Kf8± 1.12/20]
17.Nd5 Rh8? 4.83/23
[17...Qxe4? 18.Nf6+ *(18.Nxc7+ Kd8+-)* 18...Ke7 19.Nxe4+-]
[17...Rf8 2.88/20 18.b3 Qc5]
18.Qg7 Rf8 19.Nf6+ Ke7 20.Nh7 d6



21.Nxf8 0.15/17
[21.b3!+- 3.18/20 Qe6 22.e5 *(22.Nxf8 Nxf8 23.Rae1 Nd7=; 22.Rf6 Qe5+-)* 22...dxe5 *(22...Qxe5? 23.Rae1+-* Pin *)* 23.Rf6 *(23.Nxf8 Nxf8 24.Rf3 e4=)*]
21...Nxf8= 22.Qf6+ -0.26/18
[22.Rf4 0.15/20 feels stronger. Be6 *(22...Qxc2 23.Rxf7+ Ke8 24.Rxf8#)* 23.Raf1]
22...Ke8 23.e5 dxe5 24.Qxe5+ Be6 25.b3 Qc6 26.Rae1 Rd8 27.c4→ Black needs to defend precisely.
27...Ng6 28.Qg7 Ne7? 3.46/21
[Better is 28...Kd7± 0.32/19]
29.Qh8++- Kd7 30.Rd1+ Skewer
30...Nd5 31.cxd5
[31.Rxd5+ Bxd5 32.cxd5 Qxd5±]
31...Rxh8 32.dxc6+ Kxc6 Endgame KRR-KRB **33.Rc1+ Kb6 34.Rf4 c5 35.Kg1 Kc6 36.Ra4 a6 37.b4?** 0.85/20
[37.h4+- 3.10/21 and White stays clearly on top.]
37...c4 2.14/19
[37...Kb5± 0.85/20 38.Ra5+ *(38.Rxc5+? Kxa4 39.Rc7 Rb8-+)* 38...Kxb4 39.Raxc5 *(39.Rcxc5? b5-+)* 39...Bxa2]
38.Ra5 Rd8? 3.97/19
[38...b6 2.23/19 is a better defense. 39.Rxa6 Kb5]
39.Rc5+ Kb6 40.a4 Rd2 41.h4 White is clearly winning. **41...Bd5**



42.Rxd5! Remove Defender **42...Rxd5**

43.Rxc4 KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **43...a5 44.b5 f5 45.Rf4 Kc5 46.h5 Kd6 47.h6 Ke5 48.Rh4** Threatens to win with h7. **48...Rd8 49.h7 Rh8 50.Kf2 Kf6 51.Kf3 Kg5 52.g3 Kg6 53.Kf4 b6 54.Ke5 Kg5 55.Kd6 f4 56.Rxf4**

[Weaker is 56.Rh3 Kg4 57.Rh6 fxg3=]

56...Rxh7 57.Kc6 Rh6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.54 **58.Kb7**

1-0

136 **C55**

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■ **Medarde94** **2800**

Blitz 07.04.2022

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Qe7 10.Na3** -0.67/19

[10.Qd3= -0.28/17]

10...Rg8 11.Kh1 Bd7 Against Nb5 **12.Qe1** Black is better. **12...0-0-0** -0.45/21

[12...Ne6!∓ -0.82/19 13.Be3 Nxe4]

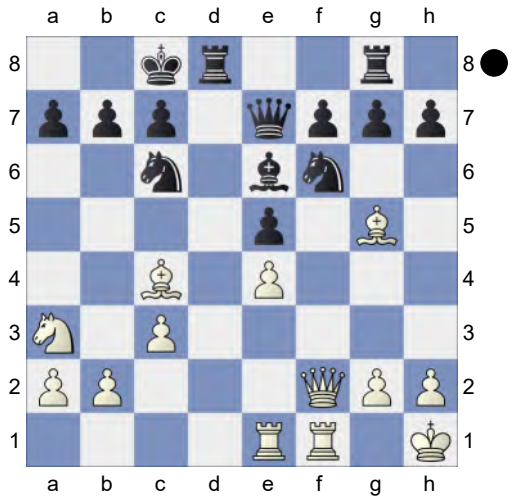
13.Qf2∓

[13.Qh4 Bc6 14.Rae1 Ne6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Rxf6 Ng5 18.Bd3 Nxe4 19.Rxf7 Nc5 20.Bf1 Rd2 21.Rxe5 Rdxg2 22.Bxg2 Bxg2+ 23.Kg1 Bd5+ 24.Kf2 Bxf7 25.Rxc5 b6 26.Re5 a6 1-0 Movsesian,S (2751)-Adams,M (2712) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2009 (2)]

13...Be6! 14.c3 Nc6 15.Rae1N -1.38/19

[15.Qe2∓ -0.43/20]

[15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Rxf6 Bxc4 18.Nxc4 Rg4 19.Kg1 Rxe4 20.b3 Rd3 21.Rc1 Nd8 22. Halloween,G-Max Lange Attempt]



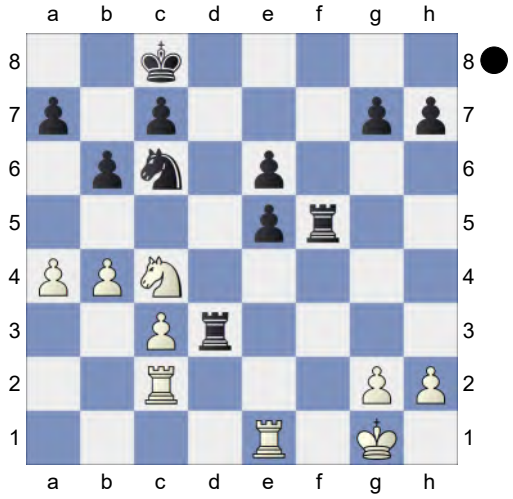
15...Nxe4!∓ Discovered Attack, Double Attack **16.Bxe6+**

[16.Rxe4 Qxg5]

16...fxe6 17.Bxe7 Nxf2+ 18.Rxf2 Nxe7 19.Nc4 Rgf8 20.Rfe2 Nc6 21.Kg1 Rf5 22.a4 b6 23.b4 -2.38/23

[23.Re4∓ -1.58/19]

23...Rd3 24.Rc2



e4! -1.55/19 **25.Nb2 Rdd5 26.Rxe4 Rfe5 27.Rce2 Rxe4 28.Rxe4** Endgame KRN-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **28...Rd6** -0.60/18

[28...Re5-+ -1.68/21 29.Rg4 Re1+ 30.Kf2 Rc1]

29.h3 -1.67/20

[Better is 29.Nc4!∓ -0.60/18 Rd1+ 30.Kf2]

29...e5 -0.79/23

[29...Ne7-+ -1.67/20 is more deadly. 30.b5 Nd5]

30.Nc4 Rd3 31.b5 Na5 -0.03/23

[31...Nd8∓ -0.79/23]

32.Nxe5 Rxc3 33.Rf4 Kd8 34.Rf7 Re3 35.Rd7+? -2.35/22

[35.Nf3 Re7 36.Rf8+ Kd7]

[35.Nc6+= 0.00/21 and White is okay. Nxc6 36.bxc6]

35...Ke8-+ 36.Rd5 Re4 37.Kh2 Rxa4 38.Nf3 Rc4 39.Re5+ Kd7 -1.63/19

[⌓39...Kd8 -3.28/20 40.Ng5 h6 41.Ne6+ Ke7]

40.Rd5+? -3.78/20

[40.Rh5 -1.63/19 is a better defense. Rc5 41.Rxh7]

40...Kc8 41.Rf5 Rc5 42.Rf7 Rxb5 43.Nd4? -4.86/19

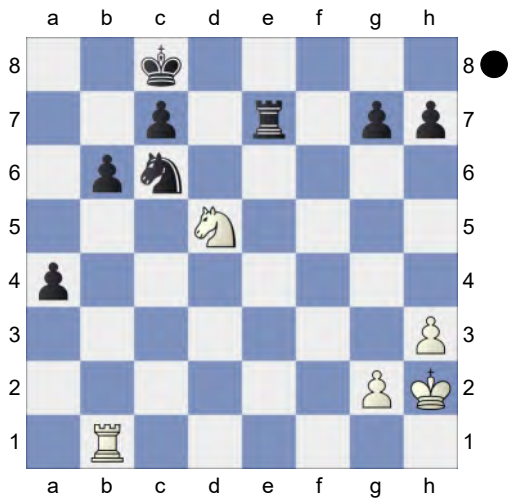
[43.Rxg7 -2.72/18 was the only defense. Nc6 44.Rxh7]

43...Rd5 44.Ne6 Rd7 45.Rf8+ Kb7 46.Rf1 Nc6 47.Rb1 a5 48.Nc5+ Kc8 49.Ne6 -5.85/19

[49.Nxd7 -2.83/17 was the crucial defense. Kxd7 50.h4]

49...Re7 50.Nf4 a4 51.Nd5

(Diagram)



Kb7 -2.43/19 **52.Nc3** -6.37/17

[52.Nxe7 -2.43/19 Nxe7 53.Rb4]

52...a3 53.Ra1 Re3 54.Rxa3 b5 55.Nxb5 Rxa3 56.Nxa3 KN-KN. Black is a pawn up. **56...Nd4 57.Nc4 c5** -2.59/20

[⌓57...Kc6 -4.44/22 58.Ne3 Kd6]

58.Kg3 Kc6 59.Kf4 Kd5 60.Ne3+ -2.31/22 **Kc6?** -0.13/24

[Black should try 60...Ke6!-+ -2.31/22 61.Nc4

A) 61...Kd5 ⌓62.Nb6+ -1.71/20 Ke6 *(62...Kd6 63.Ke4)* 63.Na4∓;

B) 61...Nb5]

61.Ke4 Ne6 62.Ke5 Nc7 63.Nf5 Nb5 64.Nxg7 c4 65.Nf5 c3 66.Ne3 Kc5 67.g4 Kb4 68.h4 Kb3 69.g5 Na3! 70.Kd4? -4.65/27

[70.Kd5= 0.00/25]

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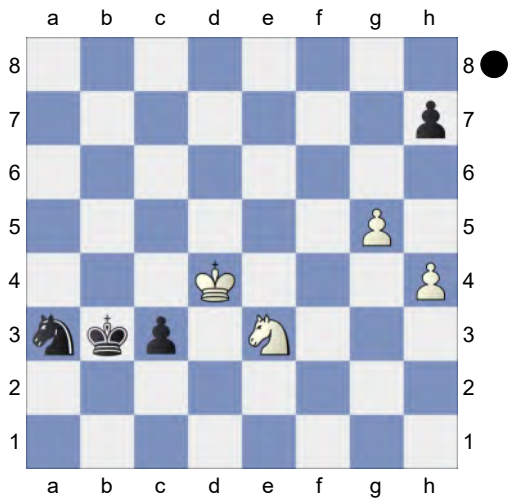
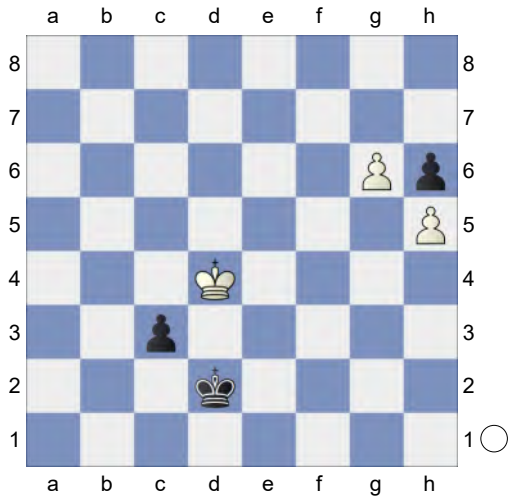


Wards off Nc4 **70...Nc2+?** 0.00/25
[Not 70...c2 71.Nxc2 Nxc2+ *(71...Kxc2? 72.h5+-)* 72.Ke4=]
[70...Nc4!-+ -4.65/27 ...Nxe3 is the strong threat. 71.Nxc4 c2 72.Nd2+ Kb2]
71.Nxc2= Kxc2 KPP-KPP **72.h5 Kd2**
[72...Kb2!? 73.g6□ c2=]
73.g6 h6? #47/25
[73...c2= 0.00/23 74.g7 c1Q *(74...c1B?* loses. *75.g8Q+-)*]



74.g7! c2 75.g8Q Intending Qg2+ and mate. **75...c1Q** KQ-KQ **76.Qg2+?** #30/22
[76.Qa2+= 0.00/18 Ke1 77.Qf7]
76...Kd1 White mates. **77.Qf3+ Kd2**
78.Qe3+ Kd1 79.Qxc1+ Kxc1 KP-KP **80.Ke5 Kd2 81.Kf6 Ke3 82.Kg6 Kf4 83.Kxh6 Kf5 84.Kg7 Ke6 85.h6 Ke7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.26 (precise) **86.h7**
1-0

137 **C54**
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■ **Duda,Jan-Krzysztof** **2718**
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Blitz 10min C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4** 3 **e5** 3 **2.Nf3** 2 **Nc6** 0 **3.Bc4** 3 **Bc5** 2 **4.0-0** 3 **Nf6** 1 **5.d3** 1 **d6** 2 **6.c3N** 2
[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 h5 9.Nxg5 h4 10.Nxf7 hxg3 11.Nxd8 Bg4 12.Qd2 Nd4 13.Nc3 Nf3+ 14.gxf3 Bxf3 The Giuoco Pianissimo-Game 1 - Victor Knorre vs. Mi]
[6.a4 a6 7.c3 Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Re8 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b4 d5 13.Qc2 d4 14.Bb2 Nh5 15.b5 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Nb3 Qd8 20.g3 Rh6 0-1 Lunacek,J (2702)-Ferri, S (2732) Chicago op 19th 2010 (11)]
[6.h3 a6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Nh5 10.Bh2 *(10.Kh2 Nxg3 11.fxg3 0-0 12.c3 Na5 13.Nbd2 Nxc4 14.Nxc4 Be6 15.Ne1 b5 16.Nd2 f5 17.Qh5 Kg7 18.Nc2 Qe8 19.Qe2 Qg6 20.d4 exd4 21.cxd4 Bb6 22.d5 Bd7 23.e5 dxe5 24.Qxe5+ Qf6* 0-1 Castro,T (2000)-Rumph,T (2183) US Amateur Team West 2010 (5.3)*)* 10...Nf4 11.c3 g4 12.hxg4 Bxg4 13.Nbd2 Qf6 14.Qb3 Rg8 15.Bg3 b5 16.Bxb5 axb5 17.Qxb5 Bd7 18.a4 Rxg3 19.d4 Rxg2+ 20.Kh1

Qg6 0-1 Krisha,T (1023)-Al Qudaimi,B (2401) Sharjah Rapid 2023 (1)]

6...a5 1 **7.Re1** 14 **Bb6** 4 **8.Na3** 3 **0-0** 10 **9.Nc2** -0.10/20 6

[9.Bg5± 0.37/19]

9...h6 28 **10.Be3** 23 **Bxe3** 3 **11.Nxe3** 0 **Ne7** 14 **12.Qc2** 35 **c6** 10 **13.a4** 5 **Ng6** 6 **14.d4** 2 **Ng4** 23 **15.Rad1** 30

[15.Nf5 seems wilder. exd4 16.N3xd4 N6e5 17.Bf1]

15...Nxe3 14 **16.Rxe3** 7 and dxe5 would now be decisive **16...Qe7** 6 **17.dxe5** 3 **dxe5** 3 **18.h3** 30 **Nf4** 38 **19.Qd2** -0.44/23 31

[19.Qb3= 0.06/21]

19...Be6!∓ 40 **20.Bxe6** 2

[20.Nxe5? Qg5 21.Bf1 Qxe5-+]

20...Qxe6 0 **21.Kh2** 19 **b5** 29 **22.axb5** 5 **cxb5** 0 **23.Qd7** 12 **f6** 18 **24.Qxe6+** 44 **Nxe6** 0 **25.Rd5** 3 **Rfb8** 10 **26.g3** -0.76/21 3

[26.Rd6= -0.20/23 keeps the balance. Ng5 27.Nh4]

26...b4 -0.31/23 16

[26...a4∓ -0.76/21 27.Rd6 Nc5]

27.cxb4! 1 **Rxb4** 0 **28.b3** 1 **a4** 11 **29.bxa4** 3 **Raxa4** 1 **30.Kg2** 1:08 **Rxe4** 4 **31.Rxe4** 0 **Rxe4=** 1 Endgame KRN-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **32.h4** 1 **h5** 7 **33.Rd6** 10 **Kf7** 1 **34.Rd7+** 2 **Kg6** 7 **35.Rd6** 1 **Nc5** 1 **36.Kf1** 9 **Kf5** 5 **37.Ne1** -1.65/22 3

[37.Rc6∓ -0.62/20 Ne6 38.Ne1]

37...Rd4!-+ 5 **38.Rc6** 3 **Ne4** 4 **39.Rc2** -2.00/24 6

[39.Nc2∓ -1.51/29 Rd2 40.Ne3+ Kg6 41.Ke1]

39...Rd2! 6 **40.Rxd2** -3.19/22 1

[40.Kg2 -1.89/27]

40...Nxd2+ 0 KN-KN. Black is a pawn up. **41.Ke2** 1 **Ne4** -1.69/24 3

[⊼41...Nb3 -2.89/25 42.f3 Nd4+ 43.Ke3 Ke6]

42.Kf3 -2.22/26 3

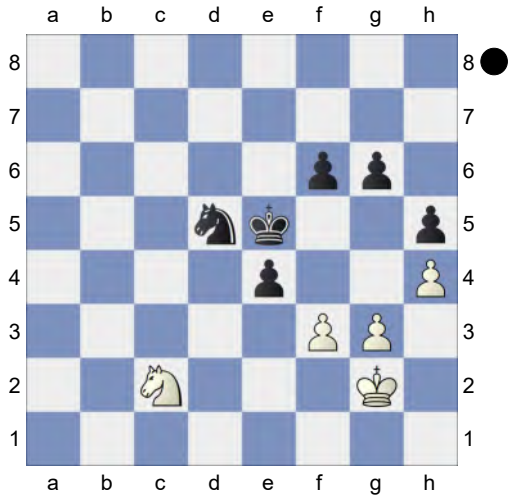
[⊼42.f3 -1.69/24 Nc5 *(42...Nxg3+ 43.Kf2∓)* 43.Nc2]

42...Nc3 5 **43.Nc2** 2 **Nd5** 0 **44.Na3** 7 **e4+** 6 **45.Kg2** 2 **Ke5** 16 **46.Nc2** -5.03/29 2

[46.Kf1 -2.10/26 was worth a try.]

46...g6 11 **47.f3** -6.18/24 11

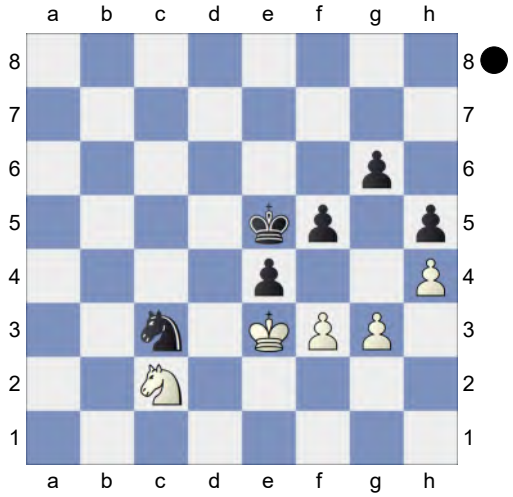
[⊼47.Na3 -4.41/24 Kd4 48.Kf1]



47...f5? -1.24/28 10

[47...e3!-+ -6.18/24 has better winning chances. 48.Kf1 f5]

48.Kf2∓ 1 **Nc3** 27 **49.Ke3** 4



Nd5+ 0.01/26 4

[49...Nd1+!∓ -1.55/27 50.Ke2 Nb2]

50.Kf2= 2 **f4** -0.30/30 16

[50...Ne7∓ -1.50/25 ...f4 is the strong threat. 51.Nb4 f4]
51.fxe4 8 **Kxe4** 3 **52.Ne1** 5 **Ne7** 5 **53.Ng2!** 6 **fxg3+** 1 **54.Kxg3** 2 **Nf5+** 1 **55.Kf2** 5 **Nd4** 13 **56.Kg3** 1 **Ne2+** 1 **57.Kf2** 3 **Nf4** -0.85/26 1
[Black should try 57...Nc1= -0.27/27]
58.Ne1∓ 2 **Ne6** 10 **59.Kg3** 3 **Nd4** 3 **60.Ng2** 1 **Ne2+** 3 **61.Kf2** 2 **Nc1** 1 **62.Ne1** 4 **Kf4** 14 **63.Ng2+!** 2 **Kf5** 5
[63...Kg4!? 64.Ke3□ Kg3=]
64.Kf3 3 **Nd3** 2 **65.Ne3+** 0 **Ke5** 1 **66.Nc4+** 2 **Kd4** 2 **67.Nd2** 4 **Nc5** 2 **68.Kf4** 5 **Ne6+** 0 **69.Kf3** 2 **Ke5** 1 **70.Nb3** 10 **Ng7** 4 **71.Kg3** 4 **Nf5+** 0 **72.Kh3** 1 **Nd4** 1 **73.Nc5** 2 **Kf4** 2 **74.Nd3+** 2 **Kf5** 0 **75.Kg3** 1 **Nc6** 3 **76.Kf3** 2 **Nd4+** 8 **77.Kg3** 1 **Ne2+** 2 **78.Kf3** 1 **Nc3** 1 **79.Kg3** 2 **Nb5** 5 **80.Kf3** 5 **Na7** 0 **81.Kg3** 1 **Nc8** 1 **82.Kf3** 1 **Nb6** 0 **83.Kg3** 1 **Nc4** 0 **84.Kf3** 2 **Nd2+** 1 **85.Ke3** 2 **Nf1+** 2 **86.Kf3** 2 **Nh2+** 0 **87.Kg3** 2 **Ng4** 0 **88.Kf3** 0 **Nh6** 1 **89.Nf4** 4 **Kf6** 0 **90.Ke4** 2 **Nf5** 2 **91.Ng2** 1 **Nd6+** 3 **92.Kf4** 0 **Kg7** 4 **93.Ke5** 2 **Nf5** 2 **94.Ke4** 1 **Kf6** 2 **95.Kf4** 1 **Ng7** 1 **96.Ne3** 1 **Ne6+** 1 **97.Ke4** 1 **Nc5+** 1 **98.Kf4** 0 The position is equal. **98...Nd7** 2 **99.Nd5+** 2 **Kg7** 0 **100.Ne3** 2 **Nf6** 1 **101.Ke5** 2 **Ng8** 2 **102.Kf4** 1 **Kf6** 1 **103.Nd5+** 1 **Ke6** 1 And White is the lucky defender. Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.30 **104.Kg5** 2
½-½

138 **C55**
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Blitz 06.11.2022
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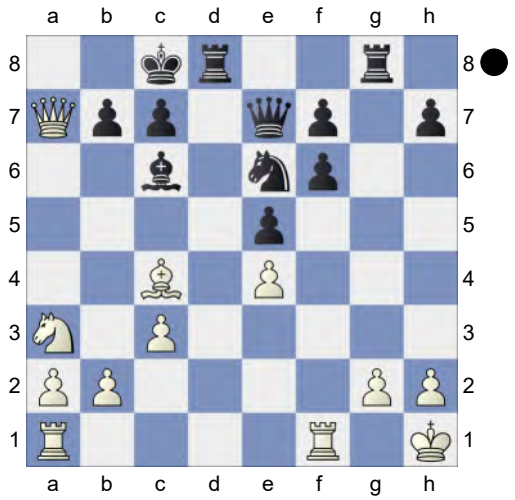
Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Qe7 10.Na3** -0.64/20
[10.Nc3= -0.28/17 is superior.]
10...Bd7 11.Qd2
[11.c3 Ne6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Qf3 Nf4 14.Kh1 f5 15.exf5 0-0-0 16.Ba6 c6 17.Qe3 Qg5 18.Rf2 bxa6 19.Qxa7 Bxf5 20.Nc4 Nd5 21.Na5 Rd7 22.Qa8+ Kc7 23.Qxh8 Be4 24.Qa8 Nf4 25.Qb7+ Kd8 1-0 Can,E (2578)-Volokitin,A (2687) Terme Catez 152/(40) 2022]
11...0-0-0 And now ...Qc5 would win.
[11...Nxe4?! 12.Bxf7+ Qxf7 13.Rxf7 Nxd2 14.Re7+ Kf8 15.Rxd7 N4f3+ 16.gxf3 Nxf3+ 17.Kg2 Nxg5 18.Nc4±]
12.Qf2 Black has an edge. **12...Rhg8** 0.39/15
[12...a6= -0.23/19]
13.Kh1 -0.47/18
[13.c3± 0.39/15 Nc6 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Qxf6 Qc5+ *(15...Bh3 16.Qxe7 Nxe7 17.Rf2±)* 16.Kh1]
13...Bc6N 0.35/18
[13...Be6!∓ -0.47/18 14.Bxe6+ *(14.c3 Nc6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Rxf6 Bxc4 18.Nxc4 Rg4 19.Kg1 Rxe4 20.b3 Rd3 21.Rc1 Nd8* 22. Halloween,G-Max Lange Attempt *)* 14...Nxe6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Rxf6 Rd2 The Quiet Italian and 4. 0-0-The D4 Gambit]

14.c3!± Ne6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qxa7



Rad1 would now be deadly. **16...Bxe4** 1.79/18

[16...Kd7± 0.61/19]

17.Qa8++- Kd7 18.Bb5+ c6 19.Qxb7+ Nc7 2.73/20

[⌓19...Ke8 1.89/19 20.Bxc6+ Bxc6 21.Qxc6+ Qd7]

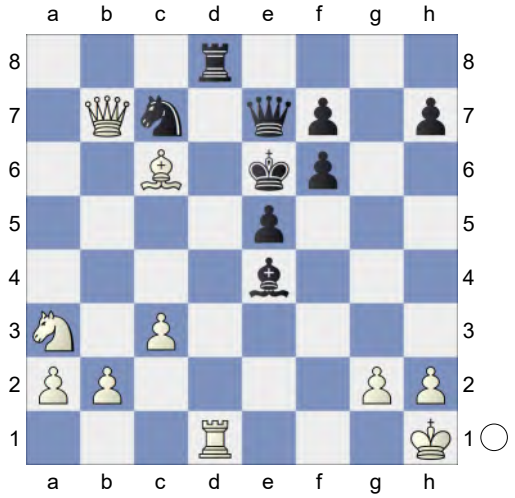
20.Rad1+? -0.91/17

[20.Bxc6+!+- 2.73/20 Bxc6 21.Rad1+ Ke8 22.Qxc6+ Kf8 23.Nc4 *(23.Qxf6? Qxf6 24.Rxd8+ Qxd8-+)*]

20...Ke6∓ 21.Bxc6 Rxd1?? 3.54/18

[21...Nd5∓ -0.74/22 stays on course. 22.Bxd5+ Bxd5 23.Qxe7+ Kxe7]

22.Rxd1+- Rd8



23.Qb3+

[23.Rxd8 Qxd8 24.h3 *(24.Bxe4? Qd1#)* 24...Bxc6 25.Qxc6+ Ke7+-]

23...Nd5 24.c4 Nc3 25.Re1 -0.16/21

[25.bxc3 Rxd1+ *(25...Bxc6 26.c5+ Kf5 27.Rf1+ Kg6 28.Qb6=)* 26.Qxd1 Bxc6=]

[25.c5++- 3.35/20 Nd5 26.Qc4]

25...Bxc6= 26.Qxc3

[26.bxc3? Qc5 27.Qc2 Rg8-+ *(27...Qxa3? 28.Rf1-+)*]

26...Qc5 27.Nc2? -4.84/19

[27.Nb5!= 0.00/19]

27...Qf2-+ 28.Ne3 Rd2 0.00/20

[28...Rd3-+ -5.95/22 29.Qxd3 Qxe1+ 30.Qf1 *(30.Nf1? Qf2-+)* 30...Qxe3]

29.Rg1= Re2 0.64/22

[Reject 29...Rxb2 30.Nd5±]

[Black should play 29...f5= 0.00/20 30.Nd5 Bxd5 *(30...Rxb2 31.Qa3±)* 31.cxd5+ Rxd5]

30.Nd5!± Chess con chili. **30...Rxb2?** 3.58/17

[30...Bxd5± 0.42/19 31.cxd5+ Kxd5]

31.Qh3++- Kd6 4.87/17

[31...f5 3.44/18 is a better defense. 32.Qh6+ *(32.Qxh7 Qd2=)* 32...Kd7]

32.Qa3+

[32.Qxh7 Bxd5 33.cxd5 Ke7±]

32...Kd7 #2/16

[32...Qc5+- 4.74/19 33.Qxb2 Bxd5 34.cxd5 Qxd5]

33.Qe7+ Kc8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/Black=1.09 **34.Qc7#**

1-0

139 **C55**
□ **AKS-Mantissa** **2814**
■ **ArasanX** **3020**
Rapid 31.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min+5sec C56: Two Knights: 4 d4 exd4 5 0-0 Nxe4 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 exd4N**

[5...Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4

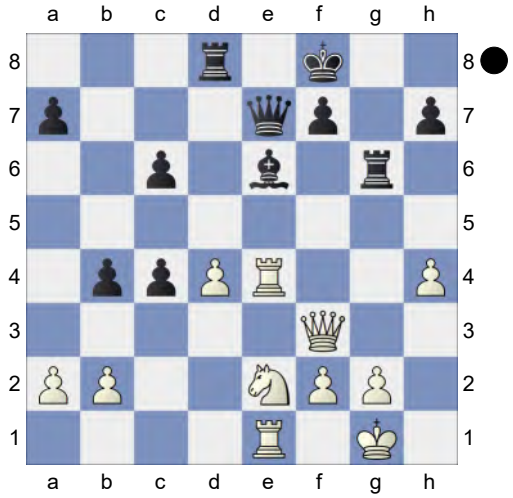
A) 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Be6 *(9...Qe7 10.Kh1 Be6 11.Bd3 0-0-0 12.Qe1 h6 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Nc3 Rhg8 15.Qf2 Qd6 16.Qxf6 Rg6 17.Qf2 Rdg8 18.Rg1 h5 19.Nd1 Rg4 20.Ne3 Rf4 21.Qd2 h4 22.Rgf1 h3 23.g3 Rxf1+ 24.Rxf1* ½-½ Voboril,P-MainSlav/125...Bf5 London International 1876 (1) *)* 10.Na3 Qe7 *(10...Bxc4 11.Nxc4 Nc6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Ne3 Qd4 14.Qxd4 Nxd4 15.Rxf6 Rd8 16.Raf1 0-0 17.Ng4 Nc6 18.R6f5 f6 19.Nxf6+ Kh8 20.Nd5 Rxf5 21.Rxf5 Rd7 22.c3 Kg7 23.b4 h6 24.Kf2 Ne7 25.Rxe5* 1-0 N,N (2521)-12. ♘e2 ♖c8 13. b4_18566 (2226) Polska (ch) 117/(75) 2013 (1)*)* 11.c3 Bxc4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxc4 Ne6 14.Ne3 Qc5 15.Qe1 0-0-0 16.Kh1 Nf4 17.g3 Rd3 18.Nf5 Ne6 19.Qe2 Rhd8 20.Nd4 R3xd4 21.cxd4 exd4 0-1 Movsesian,S (2723)-Leko,P (2741) Moscow Tal Memorial Blitz 2008 (25);

B) 7.Bg5 d6 8.f4 Ne6 9.fxe5 dxe5 10.Qxd8+ Nxd8 11.Nc3 c6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Rxf6 Ke7 14.Raf1 Rf8 15.Rh6 Rh8 16.Rh5 b5 17.Bb3 f6 18.Rh6 a5 19.a4 b4 20.Nd1 1-0 Margolis,A (2305)-Podolskyi,M (1874) Dubai op 2001 (7)]

6.e5 d5 7.exf6 dxc4 8.fxg7 Rg8 9.Re1+ Be6 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Nxd4 Rd8 13.c3 White is slightly better. **13...Nxd4 14.cxd4 Rxg7 15.Nc3 Kf8 16.Qf3 c6 17.Re4** next Rae1 is good for White. **17...Rg6 18.Rae1** 0.01/20

[Better is 18.g3± 0.70/18]

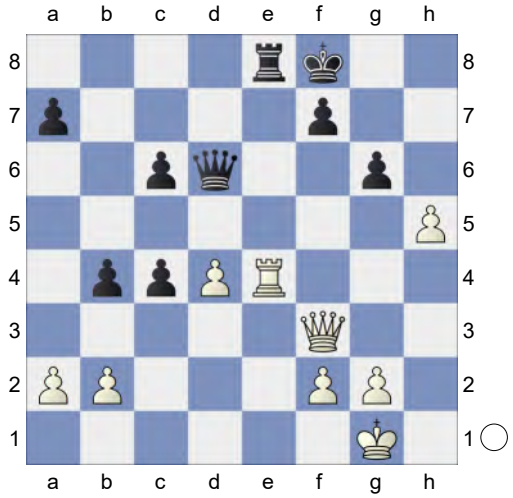
18...b5!= The position is equal. **19.h4 b4 20.Ne2**



Bd5 21.Nf4 Bxe4 22.Rxe4 Qd6

[22...Qxh4? loses. 23.Nxg6+ hxg6 24.Rxh4+-]

23.Nxg6+ hxg6 Endgame KQR-KQR **24.h5 Re8**



25.Rxe8+ Kxe8 KQ-KQ **26.h6 Kf8!**

27.Qe3 Qe6 28.Qf4 Kg8! 29.Qb8+ Kh7 30.Qxb4 Kxh6 31.Qd2+ Kg7 32.Qc3 Black must now prevent d5+. **32...Kf8 33.f3 Ke8 34.Kf2 Qd5 35.Ke3 Qg5+ 36.Kf2 Qd5 37.g3 Kd7 38.Ke2 Qb5 39.Ke3 Qg5+ 40.Kf2 Qb5 41.Ke3 Qg5+ 42.Kf2 Qd5 43.g4 g5 44.Ke2 a5 45.Kf2 Qb5 46.Ke3 Qb4 47.Kd2 Qa4 48.a3 Qb5 49.Kc2 a4 50.Qe3 f6 51.Qc3 f5 52.gxf5 Qxf5+ 53.Kd2 Qf4+ 54.Ke1 Kd6 55.Qb4+ Kc7** Hoping for ...Qe3+. **56.Qa5+ Kd7 57.Qc3** Prevents Qe3+. **57...Qh4+ 58.Ke2 Qh2+ 59.Kf1 Qg3 60.Ke2 Qh2+ 61.Kf1 Qg3 62.Ke2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless) **62...Qh2+**
½-½

140 **C55**
□ **HELMUT_LANG** **2813**
■ **Thunder-In-Paradise** **2663**
Blitz 28.04.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Qe7 10.Na3** -0.85/18
[10.Kh1∓ -0.34/19]
10...Ne6∓ 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Qf3 Black is better. **12...Nf4 13.g3! Rg8N** 0.00/22
[13...Nh3+!∓ -0.39/20
A) 14.Kh1 Ng5 15.Qxf6 Qxf6 16.Rxf6 Bh3 1) Italian Game-Italian D4 Gambit *(16...Ke7 17.Rh6 Kf8 18.Kg2 Kg7 19.Rh4 Rd8* Italian Gambit 2021 *)*;
B) 14.Kg2 Rg8]
14.Kh1!= Bh3 15.Rf2 -1.35/23 Against Bg2+
[15.gxf4± 0.35/22 was the only good move. Bg2+ 16.Qxg2 Rxg2 17.Kxg2]
15...Bg4∓ 16.Qe3 Nh3 17.Rd2 Ng5 -0.61/20
[17...h5∓ -1.30/20 18.Rf1 Rh8]
18.Bb5+ -1.18/20
[18.Be2!∓ -0.61/20 Bxe2 19.Rxe2]
18...c6 -0.48/18
[18...Kf8∓ -1.18/20 19.Bd3 Bf3+ 20.Kg1 Qd7]
19.Be2∓ Repels Bf3+ **19...h5** 1.28/21
[19...Be6!∓ -0.71/21 keeps the pressure on. 20.c3 Rd8]
20.Nc4± White has strong compensation. **20...Kf8** 1.35/22
[20...Bh3 0.93/20]
21.Rf1 0.00/21
[21.h4± 1.35/22]
21...Kg7? 2.31/20
[21...Bh3= 0.00/21 and Black has nothing to worry. 22.Rfd1 Rh8]
22.Nd6? 0.62/20
[White must play 22.h4!+- 2.31/20 Bxe2 23.Nd6 *(23.Qxe2 Ne6+-)*]
22...Bh3 23.Rfd1
[23.Bxh5!? Qe6 24.Rf5=]
23...Rad8 1.59/20
[23...Kg6± 0.39/19]
24.g4? -1.08/17
[24.Bxh5± 1.59/20 is forced if you want to stay better. And now g4! would win. Rgf8 25.g4 *(25.Qxa7 Rd7±)*]

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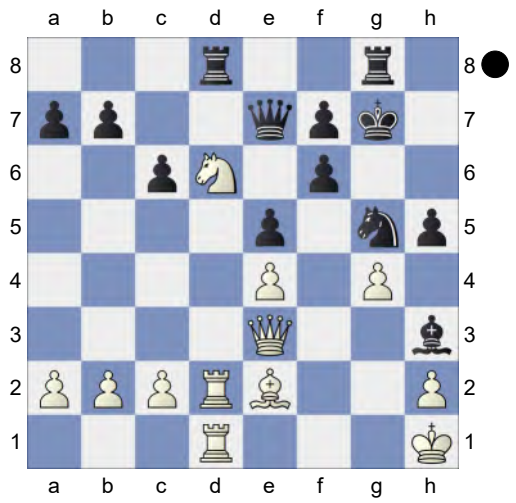
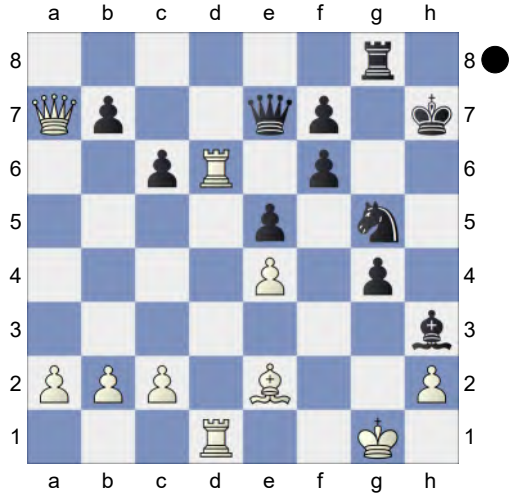


White is much more active. **24...Rxd6!∓**
25.Rxd6 hxg4
[25...Bxg4 26.Bxg4 hxg4 27.Qg1±]
26.Kg1 Kh7 -0.80/18
[⌓26...Rh8 -1.30/19 27.a3 Ne6]
27.Qxa7 -2.24/18
[27.Kh1∓ -0.80/18]



27...Nf3+ -0.78/18
[27...Nxe4 28.Rd7 Qe6 29.Bd3+- *(29.Qxb7? Qf5-+)*]
[27...f5!-+ -2.24/18 28.exf5 Nf3+ 29.Kh1 Qh4 *(29...Nd4 30.Qc5=)*]
28.Kf2 -2.52/19
[28.Kh1∓ -0.78/18]

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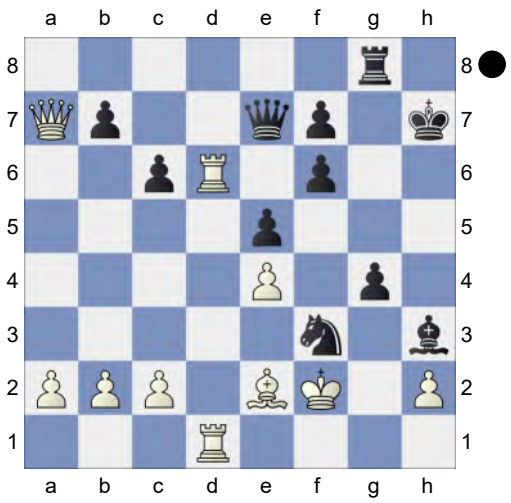
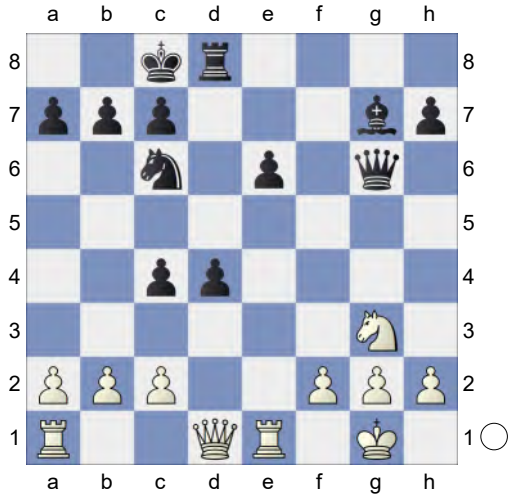


28...f5!-+
[28...Nxh2 29.Qe3 *(29.Kg3 f5-+)* 29...Rg6 *(29...g3+ 30.Kg1∓)* 30.Kg3=]
29.Rd7 Qh4+ 30.Ke3 Qg5+? -0.39/15
[30...Nxh2? 31.Rxf7+ Kh8 32.Rdd7+- *(32.exf5 g3∓; 32.Rxf5 Nf3+-)*]
[30...f4+-+ -2.48/15 31.Kd3 Nd4 *(31...Nxh2 32.Rxf7+ Kg6 33.Kc3+-)*]
31.Kd3∓ fxe4+
[31...Nxh2? 32.Rxf7+ *(32.Rxb7 f4±)* 32...Rg7 33.Rxf5+- *(33.Rxb7 f4±)*]
32.Kc3! Rg7 33.Rxb7 Nd4
[33...Nxh2 34.Rdd7 *(34.Rxf7 g3+-)* 34...Kg6 35.Rxf7 *(35.Rd6+ Kh5+-)* 35...Rxf7 36.Rxf7+-]
34.Rxd4 exd4+ 35.Qxd4 Qa5+? 3.12/25
[35...Bg2∓ -0.78/21 and ...c5 should not be overlooked 36.b4 Bf3]
36.b4+- Qf5 37.Re7? 0.58/17
[37.a4+- 3.01/17]
37...g3? 4.62/19
[Better is 37...Bg2!± 0.58/17]
38.hxg3
[38.Qxe4? is the wrong capture. Qxe4 *(38...gxh2 39.Qh4+ Kg6 40.Qg3+ Qg5 41.Qxh3±)* 39.Rxe4

g2-+]
38...Rxg3+ What a bad dream for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/ Black=0.85 **39.Kb2**
1-0

141 **C55**
□ **HELMUT_LANG** **2812**
■ **littleboy111** **2755**
Blitz 05.05.2022
[Kitty Kat]

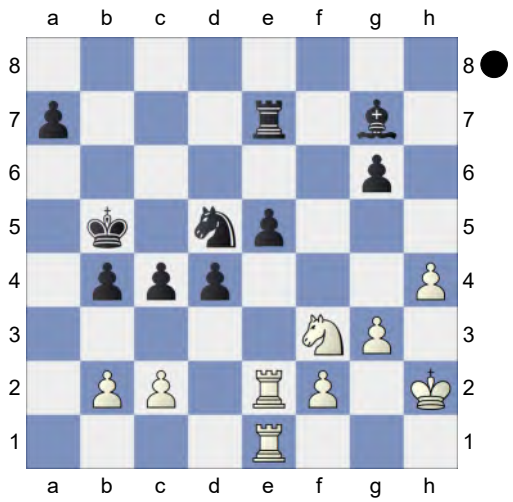
Blitz 3min C56: Two Knights: 4 d4 exd4 5 0-0 Nxe4 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 exd4N**
[5...Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4
A) 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Be6 *(9...Qe7 10.Kh1 Be6 11.Bd3 0-0-0 12.Qe1 h6 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Nc3 Rhg8 15.Qf2 Qd6 16.Qxf6 Rg6 17.Qf2 Rdg8 18.Rg1 h5 19.Nd1 Rg4 20.Ne3 Rf4 21.Qd2 h4 22.Rgf1 h3 23.g3 Rxf1+ 24.Rxf1* ½-½ Voboril,P-MainSlav/125...Bf5 London International 1876 (1) *)* 10.Na3 Qe7 *(10...Bxc4 11.Nxc4 Nc6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Ne3 Qd4 14.Qxd4 Nxd4 15.Rxf6 Rd8 16.Raf1 0-0 17.Ng4 Nc6 18.R6f5 f6 19.Nxf6+ Kh8 20.Nd5 Rxf5 21.Rxf5 Rd7 22.c3 Kg7 23.b4 h6 24.Kf2 Ne7 25.Rxe5* 1-0 N,N (2521)-12. ♘e2 ♖c8 13. b4_18566 (2226) Polska (ch) 117/ (75) 2013 (1)*)* 11.c3 Bxc4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxc4 Ne6 14.Ne3 Qc5 15.Qe1 0-0-0 16.Kh1 Nf4 17.g3 Rd3 18.Nf5 Ne6 19.Qe2 Rhd8 20.Nd4 R3xd4 21.cxd4 exd4 0-1 Movsesian,S (2723)-Leko,P (2741) Moscow Tal Memorial Blitz 2008 (25);
B) 7.Bg5 d6 8.f4 Ne6 9.fxe5 dxe5 10.Qxd8+ Nxd8 11.Nc3 c6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Rxf6 Ke7 14.Raf1 Rf8 15.Rh6 Rh8 16.Rh5 b5 17.Bb3 f6 18.Rh6 a5 19.a4 b4 20.Nd1 1-0 Margolis,A (2305)-Podolskyi,M (1874) Dubai op 2001 (7)]
6.e5 d5 7.exf6 dxc4 8.Re1+ Be6 9.Ng5 Qd5 10.Nc3 Qf5 11.Nce4 A dynamic duo of knights.
[11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.fxg7 Rg8±]
11...Bf8 1.35/20
[11...0-0-0!= 0.16/19]
12.Nxe6 0.32/16
[12.Nxf7!± 1.35/20 Kxf7 13.Ng5+ Deflection, Double Attack Kg8 14.fxg7 *(14.Rxe6 gxf6 15.Qf3 Qxf3∓; 14.Nxe6 Qxf6 15.Nxc7 Rc8±)* 14...Bxg7 15.Nxe6 *(15.Rxe6 h6∓)*]
12...fxe6± **13.Bg5** Qe2 is the strong threat. **13...0-0-0** 0.52/18
[13...h6!= 0.07/20 14.Bh4 *(14.Qh5+? g6∓)* 14...0-0-0]
14.fxg7 Bxg7 15.Bxd8 Rxd8 16.Ng3 Qg6



17.Qh5 -0.20/20
[17.Re4!± 0.91/18]
17...e5 0.52/19
[17...Qxh5= -0.20/20 18.Nxh5 Bh8]

18.Qxg6
[18.Qf3 with more complications. Nb4 19.Nf5 Kb8 20.Nxg7 Qxg7 21.Qe4]
18...hxg6 19.Re4 -0.18/19
[19.a3 0.22/20 is superior.]
19...Nb4!= Black has compensation.
20.Re2 c5 0.23/20
[20...Bh6∓ -0.38/19]
21.Ne4? -1.75/24
[21.c3= 0.23/20]
21...b6 -0.55/22
[21...d3-+ -1.75/24 22.cxd3 cxd3]
22.a3 -1.68/21
[White should play 22.Rd1∓ -0.55/22]
22...Nd5 -0.19/19
[22...d3-+ -1.68/21 23.cxd3 cxd3]
23.g3 Kc7 0.23/19
[⌓23...a5 -0.20/20]
24.Rd1 -0.33/20
[24.c3!= 0.23/19]
24...Kc6∓ 25.Ng5 Rd7 26.h4 b5 -0.96/18
[26...c3 -1.33/20 27.b3 Nc7]
27.Kh2 -1.69/19
[27.Nf3∓ -0.96/18 Re7 28.Rde1]
27...b4 -0.60/18
[27...c3-+ -1.69/19 28.b3 c4 29.bxc4 bxc4]
28.axb4! cxb4 -0.25/21
[28...c3!∓ -0.66/19 29.b5+ *(29.bxc3? Nxc3 30.b5+ Kxb5-+)* 29...Kb6]
29.Ra1 -0.76/20
[29.Nf3!= -0.25/21 remains equal. c3 30.Nxe5+ Bxe5 31.Rxe5]
29...Kb5∓ 30.Nf3! Re7 -0.10/20
[30...a5∓ -0.65/21]
Black converts the advantage convincingly. **31.Rae1** -1.57/20
[31.Re4!= -0.10/20 was the only way to keep the balance.]

(Diagram)

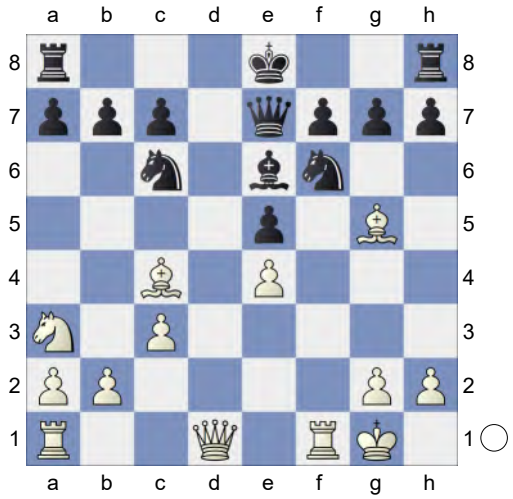


31...a5! 32.Nxd4+? -3.39/24
[32.Nxe5 -1.71/19 Kc5 33.Nxg6 Rxe2 34.Rxe2]
32...exd4-+ 33.Rxe7 Nxe7 34.Rxe7
Endgame KR-KB **34...Bh6** -0.16/20
[Better is 34...d3-+ -3.68/21 35.cxd3 *(35.Rxg7? dxc2 36.b3 c3-+)* 35...Bxb2 36.dxc4+ Kxc4]
35.Re6? -4.43/21
[35.Kg2= -0.16/20]
35...a4 36.Rxg6 -5.07/21
[36.Re8]
36...Bc1 37.h5
[37.Rg7? b3 *(37...Bxb2 38.Rg5+ Kc6 39.Rg6+ Kd5 40.Rg5+ Ke6 41.Rg6+ Kf7 42.Rb6-+)* 38.cxb3 axb3 39.Rb7+ Kc6-+]
37...Bxb2 38.h6 -5.39/20
[38.Rg5+ -3.42/19 was called for. Kc6 39.Rg6+ Kd7 40.Rg7+ Ke6 41.Rg6+ Kf7 42.Ra6]
38...d3 39.cxd3 -6.96/21
[⌓39.Rg5+ -4.57/18 Kc6 40.Rg6+ *(40.cxd3 cxd3 41.Rg4 d2-+)* 40...Kd7 41.cxd3 cxd3 42.Rg7+ Kd6 *(42...Bxg7 43.hxg7 d2 44.g8Q=)* 43.Rg4]
39...cxd3 Threatens to win with ...a3.
40.Rd6 a3 41.Rxd3 a2 42.Rd1 a1Q
[Weaker is 42...a1B 43.g4±]

43.Rxa1 Bxa1 KB-K3P **44.g4 b3 45.g5 Be5+** -21.90/20
[⌂45...b2 -#19/24 46.Kg3 b1Q *(46...b1B? 47.Kh4-+)* 47.f3 Bc3 48.Kf4 Bd2+ Deflection 49.Ke5 Kc6 *(49...Bxg5* leads to mate. *50.f4 Qb2+ 51.Ke4 Qb4+ 52.Kf3 Qxf4+ 53.Ke2 Bxh6 54.Ke1 Qh2 55.Kf1 Be3 56.Ke1 Qf2+ 57.Kd1 Qd2#)* 50.g6 Qxg6 *(50...Bxh6 51.g7 Qb8+ 52.Ke6 Qd6+ 53.Kf5 Qf4+ 54.Ke6 Bxg7 55.Ke7 Qf8+ 56.Ke6 Qf6#)* 51.h7 Qxh7 52.Kf6 Bf4 53.Ke6 Qg6+ *(53...Qh3+ 54.Kf7 Qh6 55.Ke7 Qg6 56.Kd8 Qg8+ 57.Ke7 Bg5#)* 54.Ke7 Bd6+ 55.Kd8 Qg8#]
46.f4 Bxf4+ Black mates. **47.Kh3 Bxg5** KB-KP **48.h7 Bf6 49.Kg4 Bh8 50.Kf5 b2 51.Kg6 b1Q+ 52.Kf7 Qxh7+ 53.Kf8 Bf6 54.Ke8** Weighted Error Value: White=1.04/Black=0.55 **54...Qe7# 0-1**

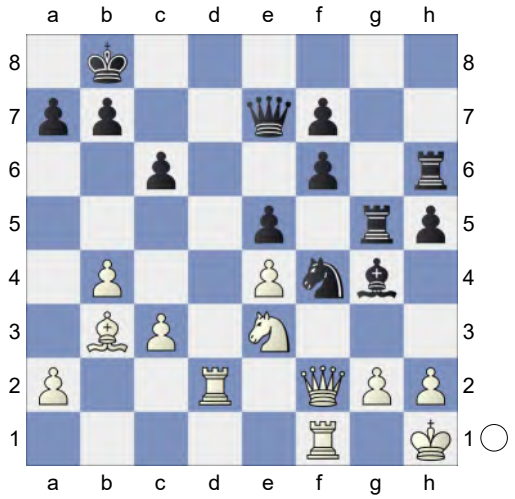
142 **C55**
□ **ManuDavid2910** **2805**
■ **BIZOO** **2838**
Blitz 30.08.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Na3 Qe7 11.c3 Nc6**
[11...Bxc4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxc4 Ne6 14.Ne3 *(14.b4 Rg8 15.Rf2 Ng5 16.Qa4+ c6 17.Re2 Rd8 18.Qxa7 Qd7 19.Qe3 Qd3 20.Qxd3 Rxd3 21.Rc1 Ke7 22.a4 Nh3+ 23.Kf1 Nf4 24.Rec2 Rgd8 25.Nb2 Rd2 26.Nc4 R2d7 27.Ne3 Rd3 28.Nf5+ Ke6* 0-1 Bolon,K (2018)-Monpeurt,C (2166) FRA-chT Top 12 2019 (8.8)*)* 14...Qc5 15.Qe1 0-0-0 16.Kh1 Nf4 17.g3 Rd3 18.Nf5 Ne6 19.Qe2 Rhd8 20.Nd4 R3xd4 21.cxd4 exd4 22.Rad1 Qe7 23.e5 fxe5 24.Qxe5 Kb8 25.Qe4 h5 26.Rf5 0-1 Nowroozian,N (2723)-Logan,T (2741) 3: St Edmunds 2003 (25)]



and ...Bxc4 would now be decisive. Excellent horsemanship. **12.Kh1** White is slightly better. **12...h6** 0.48/20
[12...Rg8= 0.12/19 deserves consideration.]
13.Bxf6± gxf6 14.Qf3N -0.06/19
[14.Bxe6± 0.45/18 fxe6 *(14...Qxe6 15.Qf3±)* 15.Qh5+ Qf7 16.Qh4]
[14.Bb3 Rg8 15.Nc4 Rg6 16.Ne3 #11 Theory 1A2: 7... d6-A2: 7...d6 9. fxe5]
14...0-0-0= 15.Bd5 h5 0.19/19
[Black should try 15...f5∓ -0.33/20]
16.Nc4 White has compensation.
[16.Bxe6+ fxe6 *(16...Qxe6 17.Qxf6 Qxf6 18.Rxf6=)* 17.Qxf6 Qxf6 18.Rxf6 Rd2±]
16...Rh6 17.Ne3 Rg8 0.86/21
[17...Qf8= 0.19/19]
18.b4 Nd8 1.42/19

[18...Kb8± 0.55/20]
19.Rad1 0.64/18
[Better is 19.Nf5± 1.42/19 Bxf5 20.exf5]
19...c6 1.11/18
[19...Rhg6± 0.64/18]
20.Bb3± Rg5 1.87/18
[20...Bg4± 1.05/18 21.Nf5 Bxf5 22.exf5 Rhh8]
21.Rd2+- Bg4 2.16/19
[21...Rh8± 1.60/16 22.Bxe6+ *(22.Qxf6 Qxf6 23.Rxf6 Bxb3+-)* 22...fxe6]
22.Qf2 Ne6? 4.19/21
[22...Rg8 2.07/17 was called for. 23.Nf5 *(23.Nxg4 hxg4 24.Qxa7 g3±)* 23...Bxf5]
23.Nc4? 0.92/19
[23.Nxg4+- 4.19/21 hxg4 24.Qxa7]
23...Kb8± 24.Ne3 0.89/20 White is much more active.
[⌓24.Nd6 1.36/19]
24...Nf4



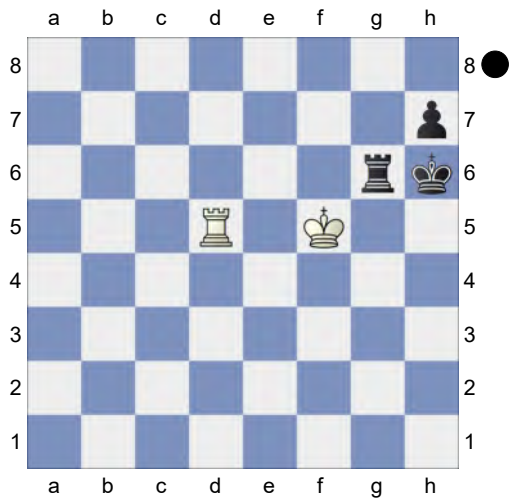
25.Bd1 0.17/21
[25.h4!± 1.09/18 Rg8 26.g3]
25...Rh8 1.56/21
[25...Bc8!= 0.17/21]
26.Bxg4 hxg4 27.Nf5 0.00/21
[27.g3± 1.23/24]
27...Qe6= 28.Rfd1 Rgg8 0.84/20
[28...Qc4= 0.00/21 remains equal.]
29.Rd7? -1.86/22
[29.Qc5± 0.84/20]
29...Rc8? 0.57/19
[29...g3-+ -1.86/22 30.Nxg3 Nd5 31.exd5 *(31.Qf5? Ne3-+)* 31...Qxd7 32.Qxf6 Qg4 *(32...cxd5 33.Qxe5+ Qc7 34.Qxc7+ Kxc7 35.Kg1∓)*]
30.Re7? -1.51/22
[30.Qc2± 0.57/19]
30...Qc4? 9.40/21
[30...g3∓ -1.51/22 31.Qxg3 Qxa2]
31.Rdd7 4.56/20
[⌓31.Rxb7+ 9.40/21 Kxb7 32.Rd7+ *(32.Nd6+ Ka6+-)* 32...Rc7 33.Rxc7+ D e f l e c t i o n *(33.Nd6+ Kb8=)* 33...Kxc7 34.Qxa7+ Kc8 35.Nd6+ Kd8 36.Nxc4]
31...Qa6+- 32.Nd6
[Less strong is 32.Rxf7 Rhd8±]
32...g3 #4/17
[32...b6+- 4.56/20 33.Rb7+ *(33.Rxf7 Rcd8±; 33.Nxf7 g3∓)* 33...Ka8 34.Nxc8 *(34.Nxf7 g3∓; 34.Rxf7 Rcd8∓)* 34...Rxc8]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.87/ Black=0.96 **33.Rxb7+**
[33.Qxg3? Qf1#]
1-0

143 **C55**
□ **HELMUT_LANG** **2805**
■ **Gabrielian** **2745**
Blitz 04.05.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Be6** 0.07/21
[9...Qe7∓ -0.61/17 10.Nd2 h5]

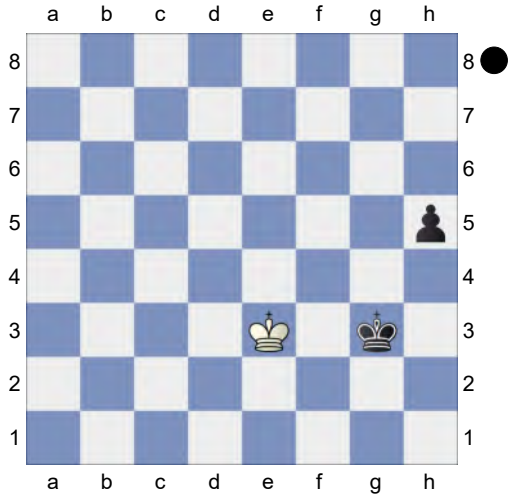
10.Na3= Qe7 11.c3 Nc6 0.45/23
[11...Bxc4!= 0.00/21 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxc4 Ne6 14.Qa4+ c6]
12.Qf3 White is slightly better. **12...0-0-0 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Qxf6 Rhe8N**
[14...Qxf6 15.Rxf6 Rd2 16.Rf2 Rhd8 17.Raf1 3. 5...Bxd4-5...Bxd4 #11: 6... Nxd4]
15.Qxe7 Rxe7 16.Bxe6+ fxe6 17.Nc4 b5! 18.Ne3 Rd3 19.Rae1 a5 20.Rf3 Red7 Prevents Nd5 **21.Re2 b4 22.cxb4 Nd4 23.Rf8+ Rd8 24.Rxd8+ Kxd8** Endgame KRN-KRN. White is a pawn up. **25.Re1 axb4 26.Nc4** Prevents Rd2. **26...c5 27.Rf1 Ke8 28.h4 Ne2+ 29.Kh2 Rd4 30.Rf2 Rxc4**
[30...Rxe4? perishes. 31.Nd6+ Kd7 32.Nxe4+-]
31.Rxe2 KR-KR **31...Rc1 32.g4 c4 33.g5 Kf7 34.h5 c3 35.Rf2+ Kg7 36.bxc3 bxc3 37.Rf3 Rc2+ 38.Kg3 Rxa2** White must now prevent ...c2. **39.Rxc3 Re2 40.Rc7+ Kg8 41.Kf3 Re1 42.Re7 Rf1+ 43.Kg4 Rf4+ 44.Kg3 Rxe4 45.Rxe6 Kf7 46.Rf6+ Kg7 47.Ra6 Rc4 48.Ra7+ Kg8 49.Re7 Rc3+ 50.Kg4 Re3 51.Kf5 Rf3+ 52.Ke6**
[52.Kxe5 Re3+ 53.Kd6 Rd3+ 54.Ke6 Re3+ 55.Kd6 Rd3+ 56.Kc6 Rg3]
52...e4 53.h6 Rf8 54.Kd5 Rf5+ 55.Kxe4 Rxg5 56.Rd7 Rg6 57.Kf5 Rxh6 58.Rd8+ Kg7 59.Rd7+ Kg8 60.Rd4 Rg6 61.Rd8+ Kg7 62.Rd7+ Kh6 63.Rd5? -#41/25
[63.Kf4= 0.00/31]

(Diagram)



63...Rg5+ 64.Ke4 Rxd5 65.Kxd5 KP-K. Black is a pawn up. **65...Kg5 66.Ke4 Kg4 67.Ke3 Kg3 68.Ke2 h5?** 0.00/27
[68...Kg2 -#27/36 69.Ke3 h5 70.Kf4 h4 71.Kg4 h3 72.Kf4 h2 73.Ke4 h1Q *(73...h1R 74.Ke5 Kg3 75.Kd6 Rd1+ 76.Kc6 Kf4 77.Kc5 Ke4 78.Kc6 Rd5 79.Kc7 Ke5 80.Kc6 Ke6 81.Kc7 Rc5+ 82.Kb7 Kd7 83.Kb6 Rh5 84.Kb7 Rh6 85.Kb8 Kc6 86.Ka7 Rh8 87.Ka6 Ra8#)* 74.Ke5 Kf3 75.Ke6 Qd1 76.Kf6 Qd6+ 77.Kg7 Qe7+ 78.Kh6 Kf4 79.Kg6 Kg4 80.Kh6 Kf5 81.Kh5 Qh7#]
69.Ke3?? -#37/22
[69.Kf1= 0.00/27]

(Diagram)



69...Kh2? 0.00/64

[69...h4 -#37/22 mates 70.Ke2 h3 71.Ke3 h2 72.Kd4 h1Q *(72...h1R* is a self mate. *73.Ke4 Rd1 74.Ke3 Kg4 75.Ke4 Rd8 76.Ke5 Kf3 77.Ke6 Kf4 78.Ke7 Rd5 79.Ke6 Rd3 80.Kf6 Re3 81.Kg6 Re6+ 82.Kf7 Kf5 83.Kg7 Re7+ 84.Kf8 Kf6 85.Kg8 Re8+ 86.Kh7 Rf8 87.Kh6 Rh8#)* 73.Kc5 Qc1+ 74.Kd5 Kf4 75.Kd6 Qc4 76.Ke7 Qc6 77.Kd8 Ke5 78.Ke7 Qc7+ 79.Ke8 Kf6 80.Kf8 Qf7#]

70.Kf2 The position is equal. **70...h4 71.Kf1 h3!?**

[71...Kg3!?]

72.Kf2 Kh1 73.Kf1 h2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless) **74.Kf2**

½-½

144 **C54**

☐ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2804**

■ **Aronian,Levon** **2722**

American Cup Champ (2.5) 16.03.2024

[Mon Hokmome]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4** Ilincic,Zlatko Dragan Solak Kitty Kat Kitty Kat ChessBase II **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 0-0**

[RR 5...d6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1 a6 8.h3 h6 9.a4 Ba7 10.Nbd2

A) RR 10...Re8 11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.Ng3 d5 14.Qe2 a5 15.Nh4 Ne7 16.Nhf5 dxe4 17.dxe4 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 Qd7 19.Qf3 Rd8 20.Bxh6 Nxe4 21.Rxe4 gxh6 22.Qg4+ Rg6 23.Nxh6+ Kf8 24.Qxd7 Rxd7 25.Nf5;

B) RR 10...Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Ne7 13.Nf1 Ng6 14.N1h2 Rf7 15.g3 d5 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Qd6 18.Qb3 a5 19.bxa5 Nd7 20.d4 Raf8 21.Rd1 dxe4 22.Nxe5 Ndxe5 23.dxe5 Qc6 24.Qb5 Qxb5 25.axb5;

C) RR 10...Ne7 11.Bb3 *(RR 11.d4 Ng6 12.Bf1 c6 13.Qc2 Qc7 14.a5 Re8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Rad8 19.Ree1 Rd7 20.Ne3 Rdd8 21.Rab1 Nf4 22.b4 Bc8 23.Rb2 Ne6 24.Nd2 Ng5 25.h4 Ne6)* 11...Ng6 12.d4 Re8 13.Bc2 c6 14.Nf1 Qc7 15.Ng3 Be6 16.Be3 Rad8 17.Qc1 Bb8 18.a5 Rd7 19.Ra4 d5 20.dxe5 Nxe4 21.Bb6 Qc8 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.Raxe4 Bf5 24.R4e3 Bxc2 25.Qxc2;

D) 10...Qe7 11.b4 Be6 12.Rb1 Qd7 13.b5 Ne7 14.d4 Bxc4 15.Nxc4 exd4 16.cxd4 axb5 17.Rxb5 c6 18.Rb3 *(RR 18.Rb1)* 18...d5 19.Nfe5 Qd8 *(RR 19...Qc7 20.exd5 cxd5)* 20.exd5 Dominguez Perez,L (2741)-So,W (2751) Saint Louis USA 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (43)]

6.a4N

[RR 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2

d6 9.0-0 Na5 *(*RR *9...a6 10.a4 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.d4 exd4 13.cxd4 Qd7 14.a5 d5 15.e5 Ne4 16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.Re1 Rf4 18.g3 Rf7 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Qd5 21.Nd2 Nc6 22.Qb3 Rd8 23.Qxd5 Rxd5 24.Nb3;* RR *9...a6 10.a4 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.d4 exd4 13.cxd4 Qd7 14.a5 d5 15.e5 Ne4 16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.Re1 Rf4 18.g3 Rf7 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Qd5 21.Nd2 Nc6 22.Qb3 Rd8 23.Qxd5 Rxd5 24.Nb3;* RR *9...a6 10.a4 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.d4 exd4 13.cxd4 Qd7 14.a5 d5 15.e5 Ne4 16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.Re1 Rf4 18.g3 Rf7 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Qd5 21.Nd2 Nc6 22.Qb3 Rd8 23.Qxd5 Rxd5 24.Nb3)* 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 *(*RR *13...Nd7 14.Bg3 Bf6 15.dxc5 dxc5 16.Qe2 Nc6 17.Rfd1 Qc7 18.Nf1 Ne7 19.Rd2 Nb6 20.Ne3 Be6 21.Bb3 c4 22.Bc2 Rad8 23.Rad1 Ng6 24.Nd4 Nf4 25.Bxf4 exf4 26.Nef5 Bxf5 27.Nxf5 Be5 28.Qg4;* RR *13...Nd7 14.Bg3 Bf6 15.dxc5 dxc5 16.Qe2 Nc6 17.Rfd1 Qc7 18.Nf1 Ne7 19.Rd2 Nb6 20.Ne3 Be6 21.Bb3 c4 22.Bc2 Rad8 23.Rad1 Ng6 24.Nd4 Nf4 25.Bxf4 exf4 26.Nef5 Bxf5 27.Nxf5 Be5 28.Qg4;* RR *13...Nd7 14.Bg3 Bf6 15.dxc5 dxc5 16.Qe2 Nc6 17.Rfd1 Qc7 18.Nf1 Ne7 19.Rd2 Nb6 20.Ne3 Be6 21.Bb3 c4 22.Bc2 Rad8 23.Rad1 Ng6 24.Nd4 Nf4 25.Bxf4 exf4 26.Nef5 Bxf5 27.Nxf5 Be5 28.Qg4)* 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) Brest 2018 EXT 2019 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (45)]

[RR 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Bg3 d6 9.a4 *(*RR *9.h3 Kh8 10.Nbd2 Nh7 11.Nf1 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Ne3 Bg6 14.0-0 Qd7 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 Be4 17.Bd5 Bxd5 18.Nxd5 Bg5 19.Qb3 Qf7 20.h4 Bf6 21.Rac1 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Qxd5 23.Rxc6 Bxb2)* 9...Be6 *(*RR *9...Nh5;* RR *9...Kh8 10.Nbd2 Nh7 11.0-0 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Re1 a6 14.b4 Bf6 15.Bd5 Bxd3 16.Ne4 Bxe4 17.Bxe4 Ng5 18.Nxg5 Bxg5 19.b5 Na5 20.Bc2 Qe8 21.Qd3 g6 22.Re4 axb5 23.Rae1 Qf7 24.h4)* 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.a5 Qe8 12.Nbd2 Nh5 13.0-0 Bf6 14.Qb3 Rb8 15.Qc4 g5 16.h3 Nf4 *(*RR *16...Bg7)* 17.d4 h5 *(* RR *17...Kh8)* 18.d5 exd5 19.exd5 Ne7

A) RR 20.Bxf4 exf4 21.Rae1 *(* RR *21.Qxc7 g4)*;

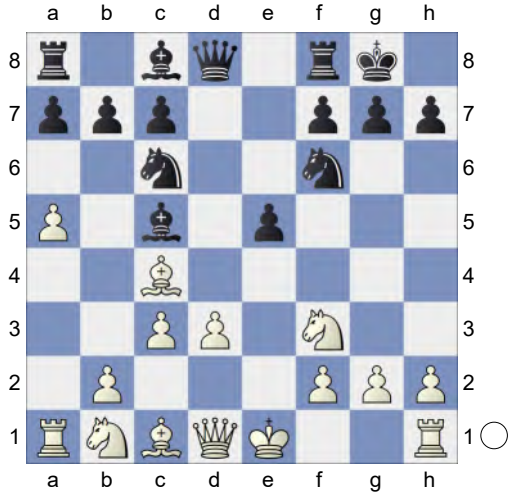
B) 20.Qxc7 g4 Wafa,H (2359)-Garv,R (2277) Doha QAT 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (71) RR 21.Bxf4 gxf3 22.Be3]

[RR 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2018 Juniors [Dragan Solak] 1-0 (45)]

[RR 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) Novi Sad 2003 CI1-130 [Ilincic,Zlatko] 0-1 (45)]

6...d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.a5 Inhibits Nd5-b6. The position is equal. was the old

line (8.0-0). war die alte Variante (8.0-0).
8...Nf6



aiming for ...e5-e4. **9.Nbd2** Prevents e5-e4. **9...a6 10.0-0 h6 11.h3N**
[11.Qe2 Re8 12.Ne4 Bf8 13.Bb3 Be6 14.Ba4 Nd7 15.b4 f5 16.Ned2 g5 17.Bb2 Bg7 18.Nc4 Bxc4 19.dxc4 g4 20.Rad1 gxf3 21.Qxf3 Rf8 22.Bc1 Rf7 23.c5 Qf6 24.Bb3 Nf8 Jonsson,H-Rogov,M Salou ESP 2018 CBM 85 ext [Nickel] 25.g4 f4 26.Qe4 Ne6 27.f3 Kh8 28.Rde1 Re8 29.Kh1 Rfe7 30.Qf5 Qh4 31.Bxe6 Rxe6 32.Bxf4 Rf6 33.Bg3 Rxf5 34.Bxh4 Rf4 35.Re4 Ref8 36.Kg2 Kg8 37.Bg3 Rxe4 38.fxe4 Rxf1 39.Kxf1 Bf6 Jorden van Foreest (2753)-14. ♖d1 ♘fd7 15. ♘d3 (2700) BdF 2014 200 Traps In The Opening [Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S] 0-1 (53)]
11...Re8N
[Vorgänger: 11...Bf5 12.Qe2 Re8 13.b4 Ba7 14.Ne4 Be6 15.Nh4 Nxe4 16.Qxe4 Qd7 17.Be3 Bd4 ½-½ Pascual Perez,N (2413)-Morcin, T (2311) SM-2017-0-00371 2016]
12.b4 Ba7 13.Qe2 Be6 14.Bxe6 Rxe6 15.Ne4! Nd5 16.Bd2 f5 17.Nc5 Bxc5 18.bxc5 Qe7 19.c4 -0.71/23
[19.Rab1= -0.19/22 remains equal.]
19...Nf6↑ Black has strong initiative.
20.Bc3 e4
[20...Qxc5? 21.d4 Qd6 22.d5+- *(22.dxe5 Qc5=)*]
21.Nd4 Nxd4 22.Bxd4 Rd8 23.Bxf6 Qxf6 24.dxe4 Rxe4 25.Qc2 Qc6 &Nero is much more active. **26.Rab1 Rdd4 27.Qb3 Rxc4 28.Qxb7 Qxb7 29.Rxb7 Rxc5** Endgame KRR-KRR **30.Rd1 Re7** Inhibits Rd1-d7. **31.Ra1 Kf7 32.h4 Kg6 33.g3 f4 34.gxf4 Re4 35.Ra7 Rc6**
[Much weaker is 35...Rxf4?! 36.Rxa6+ Kf7 37.Ra7=]
36.Rd1 Rxf4 37.Rd7 Rf7 -0.44/26
[Black should try 37...Ra4∓ -0.96/26 38.Rdxc7 Rxc7 39.Rxc7 Rxa5]
38.Rd3 -1.85/24 Now White is beyond hope.
[38.h5+!∓ -0.44/26 Kf6 39.Rxf7+ Kxf7 40.Kg2]
38...Rf5 39.Ra3 Kh5 40.Rg3 -2.48/24
[40.Ra4 -1.73/24 was called for.]
40...g6-+
[Avoid the trap 40...Rxa5? 41.Rxg7 Rac5 42.Rf7]
41.Ra8 Kxh4 42.Kg2 Rg5 43.Rb8 -3.17/25
[43.Rxg5 -2.15/25 was necessary. Kxg5 44.Kg3]
43...Rxg3+ 44.fxg3+ KR-KR **44...Kg5 45.Kf3 Rc5 46.Rb7 h5 47.Ra7 Rxa5 48.Rxc7 Rf5+ 49.Kg2 a5 50.Rc6** -4.49/28
[50.Rc4 -3.04/29 is a better defense.]
50...Rb5 51.Rc8 Kf5 52.Rf8+ Ke4

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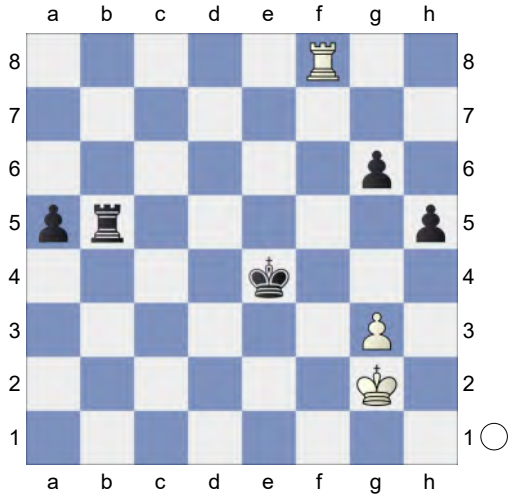
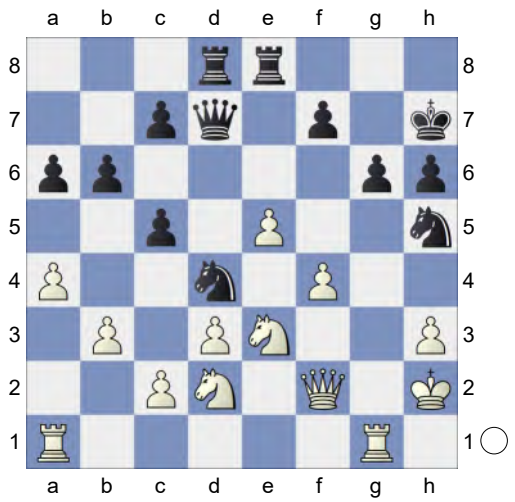


Hoping for ...g6-g5. **53.Rf6** -6.04/26
[⌓53.g4 -4.29/23]
53...g5 54.Rh6 Kd3 55.Rxh5 a4 56.Kf3 g4+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/Black=0.14 (very precise)
0-1

145 **C50**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2802**
■ **Jumabayev,Rinat** **2564**
Titled Tue 14. Jan Early (11) 14.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Nd5 h6**
[6...Nxd5 7.Bxd5 d6 8.Be3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 0-0 10.0-0 Nb8 11.b4 Nd7 12.Qd2 c6 13.Bb3 a5 14.a3 Nf6 15.h3 h6 16.Rab1 b5 17.Qc3 Bd7 18.Rf2 Qb6 19.Re1 Rfe8 20.Nh4 c5 21.Ref1 1-0 Kramnik,V (2800)-Aronian, L (2794) FIDE Berlin Candidates 2018 (10.2)]
7.Be3 d6 8.Bxc5 The position is equal.
8...dxc5 9.Ne3N
[9.0-0 0-0 10.a4 Be6 11.Ne3 Bxc4 12.Nxc4 Re8 13.Ne3 b6 #12 Italian 5. Nc3 & 5. Bg5-5. Nc3]
9...0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a4
[11.h3 Be6 12.a4 Bxc4 13.Nxc4 Nh7 14.a5 Ng5 0.42/20 *(14...b5= -0.07/22 deserves consideration. 15.axb6 cxb6)* 15.Nfd2 -0.01/24 *(15.Nxg5± 0.42/20 Qxg5 16.Re1)* 15...Ne6 16.Ne3 Qg5 0.63/20 *(16...b6= -0.01/22)* 17.g3 0.26/22 *(17.Ndc4± 0.63/20)* 17...Rad8 0.84/21 *(17...b5= 0.26/22)* 18.Kh2 Ncd4 ½-½ Nakamura,H (2755)-Jumabayev, R (2503) Wch Rapid New York 2024 (1)]
11...b6 11...b6 is a critical line. 11...b6 ist die kritische Fortsetzung. **12.h3 Be6N**
[12...Rb8 13.c3 Qd6 14.Qe2 g6 15.Rad1 b5? 2.27/23 *(15...Kg7± 0.37/20)* 16.axb5+- axb5 17.Bxb5 Rxb5 18.d4 exd4 19.Qxb5 And now Nc4 would win. Rxe4 0-1 Nakamura,H (2755)-Niemann,H (2618) Wch Rapid New York 2024 (13)]
13.Nd2 Qd6 14.Kh2 Na5 0.51/22
[14...Kh7= 0.10/20]
15.Bxe6± Qxe6 16.g3 Rad8 17.b3 Nc6 18.f4 exf4 19.gxf4 Qd7 0.69/19
[Black should play 19...Nd4= 0.01/20]
20.Rg1 Kh7 21.Qf1 0.26/20
[21.Qe1± 0.84/20]
21...g6 1.04/20
[21...Nh5= 0.26/20 remains equal.]
22.Qf2± Nd4 1.13/19
[⌓22...Nh5 0.72/19]
23.e5 0.48/21
[23.Nf3± 1.13/19]
23...Nh5!±

(Diagram)



And now ...f5 would win. **24.Ne4 f5?** 2.26/22

[24...Re6± 0.54/21]

25.exf6+- Loses the game. **25...Rf8?** 3.66/22

[25...Nf5± 1.56/21]

26.Ng4 Qf5 5.23/20

[26...Rde8 2.84/19 is a better defense. 27.a5 *(27.Ne5 Qf5+-)* 27...b5]

27.Raf1 Ne6 28.Qh4 Nexf4 29.Rf3 Rd5 30.Rgf1 Qe6 31.Rxf4 Nxf4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=1.02 **32.Qxh6+**

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146 **C55**

□ **AnonymousBlitzPlayer** **2802**

■ **DoktorMatt** **2778**

Blitz 23.09.2021

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Bg5** -0.99/20

[7.f4∓ -0.40/22 d6 8.Nc3]

7...Ne6 0.12/22

[7...h6∓ -0.99/20 8.f4 d5 *(8...hxg5 9.fxe5 Nc6 10.exf6∓)* 9.exd5 hxg5 10.fxe5 Nf5 11.exf6 Qxf6 12.Qe2+ Kd8]

8.f4 -0.53/23

[8.Bxe6= 0.12/22 fxe6 9.Nc3]

8...d6 0.51/22

[Black should try 8...Qe7!∓ -0.53/23 9.Bxe6 fxe6 *(9...dxe6 10.Kh1∓)*]

9.fxe5!± **dxe5** White is slightly better.

10.Qxd8+ Kxd8 0.79/24

[10...Nxd8± 0.42/25 is superior. 11.Bxf6 gxf6]

11.Bxf6+± gxf6 12.Nc3! c6 13.Rxf6 Ke7 14.Raf1 Rf8 15.Rh6 Rh8N 1.86/23

[15...b5± 0.85/21 16.Bd3 Bd7 17.Rxh7 Nf4 18.Ne2 Nxd3 19.cxd3 Be6 20.Nc1 a5 21.Rh5 Kd6 22.Kf2 b4 23.Ke3 c5 24.Rh6 a4 25.Rf2 Rac8 26.h3 Ke7 27.Rc2 Rfd8 28.b3 axb3 29.Nxb3 c4 30.dxc4 Bxc4 ½-½ Holzmann,M (2481)-Mouradian,K (2448) 2nd President's Cup 2007 (5) 31.Na5 Bb5 32.Rxc8 Rxc8 33.Rb6 Rc3+ 34.Kf2 Rc2+ 35.Kg1 Bd7 36.Rxb4 Rxa2 37.Nc4 Ra4 38.Rxa4 Bxa4 39.Kf2 f6 40.g4 Kf7 41.Ne3 Kg6 42.h4 Bb3 43.Nf5 Ba2 44.Kg3 Bb3 45.Ne3 Ba2 ½-½ Hector,J (2481)-Storme,I (2448) Copenhagen Obro CXU op 2023 (5)]

16.Nd1 1.40/22

[16.Rf5+- 1.86/23]

16...b5 17.Bb3 a5 18.a3

[18.Ne3 a4±]

18...Bd7 19.Ne3 Black must now prevent Nf5+. **19...Raf8 20.Nf5+ Kd8 21.Nd6 Ke7 22.Nf5+ Kd8 23.Rd1** 0.94/24

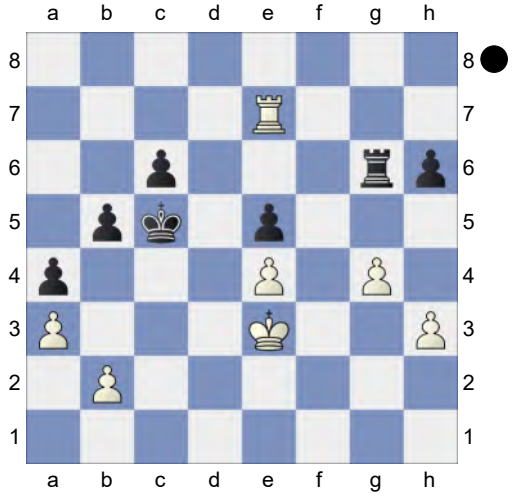
[⌓23.Bxe6 1.44/20 Bxe6 24.Nh4]

23...Kc7 24.Rf6 0.13/24

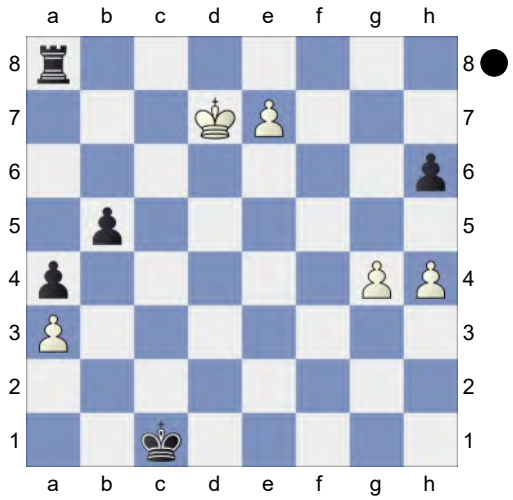
[24.Nd6± 0.80/23]

24...Nc5= 25.Nd6 -0.39/23

[25.Bxf7? Nxe4 26.Rxd7+ Kxd7 27.Be6+ Kc7 28.Rxf8 Rxf8-+]
[White should try 25.Nh6= 0.15/24]
25...Nxb3!∓ 26.cxb3 Be6 27.Nxf7 Double Attack **27...Bxb3**
[27...Bxf7 28.Rdf1=]
28.Rdf1 Rxf7 29.Rxf7+ Bxf7 30.Rxf7+= Endgame KR-KR **30...Kd6 31.Kf2 a4 32.g4 Kc5 33.Rc7! h6 34.Ke3?** -2.52/26
[34.h4!∓ -0.58/23]
34...Rg8-+ 35.h3 Rg6 36.Re7? -4.59/30
[Only move: 36.Rd7!∓ -0.53/20]



36...Kc4! 37.Rxe5 Kb3 38.Rf5 Kxb2 39.e5 c5 40.Rf6 Rg7
[40...Rg5 41.Ke4∓]
41.e6 Re7 42.Ke4 c4
[42...Kxa3? 43.Rf3+ Kb4 44.Kd5-+]
43.Kd5 c3
[43...Kxa3 44.Kd6 Re8 45.Kd7=]
44.Kd6 Re8
[44...c2 45.Kxe7 c1Q 46.Kf7=]
45.Kd7 Ra8
[45...c2 46.Kxe8 c1Q 47.e7=]
46.e7 c2
[46...Kxa3 47.Ra6 Rb8 *(47...Rxa6 48.e8Q=)* 48.Rb6=]
47.Rf2 Kb1
[47...Kxa3 48.Rxc2 *(48.e8R? Ra7+ 49.Kd6 c1Q-+)* 48...b4 49.h4= *(49.e8R Rxe8 50.Kxe8 b3∓)*]
48.Rf1+ c1Q 49.Rxc1+ Kxc1 KR-KP **50.h4**



b4! 51.axb4
[51.g5 bxa3]
51...a3 ...a2 is the strong threat. **52.e8Q Rxe8 53.Kxe8** K3P-KPP. White is a pawn up. **53...a2 54.g5 a1Q** -8.66/22
[54...a1B? is the wrong capture. 55.gxh6 Bf6 56.h7+-]
[⌓54...hxg5 -#39/24 55.hxg5 a1Q *(55...a1B? 56.g6+-)* 56.Kf7 Qa7+ 57.Kf6 Qd4+ 58.Kg6 Qxb4 59.Kg7 Qe7+ 60.Kh6 Qe6+ *(60...Qf8+* gets mated. *61.Kh7 Qf7+ 62.Kh6 Qf4 63.Kh5 Kd2 64.g6 Ke3 65.g7 Qf7+ 66.Kg5 Qxg7+ 67.Kf5 Qe7 68.Kg4 Qf6 69.Kh5 Qg7 70.Kh4 Kf4 71.Kh5 Qh7#)* 61.Kh7 Qf7+ 62.Kh6 Qg8 *(62...Qf8+ 63.Kh7 Qf7+ 64.Kh6 Kd2 65.g6 Qg8 66.g7 Ke3 67.Kg6 Kf4 68.Kf6 Ke4 69.Ke7 Ke5 70.Kd7 Kd5 71.Kc7 Kc5 72.Kd7 Qf7+ 73.Kc8 Kc6 74.Kd8 Qd7#)* 63.g6 Qh8+ 64.Kg5 Qg7 65.Kh5 Kd2 *(65...Qf8 66.Kg5 Kd2 67.Kg4 Ke2 68.g7 Qxg7+ 69.Kf5 Qe7 70.Kf4 Qe6 71.Kg3 Qc4 72.Kg2*

Qg8+ 73.Kh3 Kf3 74.Kh4 Qg4#) 66.Kg5 Kd3 *(66...Qf8 67.Kg4 Ke2 68.g7 Qxg7+ 69.Kf5 Qe7 70.Kg6 Kf2 71.Kf5 Kg3 72.Kg6 Kg4 73.Kh6 Kf5 74.Kh5 Qh7#)* 67.Kf5 Kd4 68.Ke6 Qxg6+ 69.Kd7 Kd5 70.Kc7 Qc6+ 71.Kd8 Qb7 72.Ke8 Ke6 73.Kf8 Qf7#]

55.gxh6 Qh8+ Black mates. **56.Ke7 Qxh6 57.b5 Qxh4+ 58.Kd7 Qb4 59.Kc6 Qc4+ 60.Kb7 Kb2 61.Ka6 Kb3 62.Ka5 Qc5 63.Ka6 Kb4 64.b6 Qa5+ 65.Kb7 Qd5+ 66.Kc7 Kc5 67.b7** Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=1.05/Black=0.20 (precise) **67...Qd6+** -7.70/5

[⌓67...Qc6+ -#5/20 68.Kd8 Qxb7 69.Ke8 Kd6 70.Kf8 Qh7 71.Ke8 Qg8#]

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147 **C55**

□ **ManuDavid2910** **2802**

■ **Molt7n** **2830**

Blitz 06.07.2022

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Be6** 0.19/21

[Black should play 9...Qe7∓ -0.58/18 10.Nd2 Ne6]

10.Na3!= Qe7 0.36/23

[10...Bd7= 0.00/20]

11.c3 Nc6 Excellent horsemanship.

[11...Bxc4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxc4 Ne6 14.Ne3 *(14.b4 Rg8 15.Rf2 Ng5 16.Qa4+ c6 17.Re2 Rd8 18.Qxa7 Qd7 19.Qe3 Qd3 20.Qxd3 Rxd3 21.Rc1 Ke7 22.a4 Nh3+ 23.Kf1 Nf4 24.Rec2 Rgd8 25.Nb2 Rd2 26.Nc4 R2d7 27.Ne3 Rd3 28.Nf5+ Ke6* 0-1 Bolon,K (2018)-Monpeurt,C (2166) FRA-chT Top 12 2019 (8.8)*)* 14...Qc5 15.Qe1 0-0-0 16.Kh1 Nf4 17.g3 Rd3 18.Nf5 Ne6 19.Qe2 Rhd8 20.Nd4 R3xd4 21.cxd4 exd4 22.Rad1 Qe7 23.e5 fxe5 24.Qxe5 Kb8 25.Qe4 h5 26.Rf5 0-1 Nowroozian,N (2723)-Logan,T (2741) 3: St Edmunds 2003 (25)]

12.Kh1 0.00/19

[12.Qf3± 0.40/21]

12...h6 0.51/21

[12...Rg8= 0.00/19]

13.Bxf6± gxf6 14.Qf3N -0.10/20

[14.Bxe6± 0.47/19 fxe6 *(14...Qxe6 15.Qf3±)* 15.Nc4]

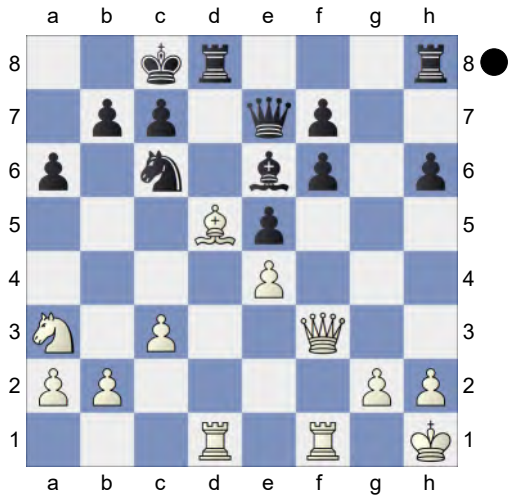
[14.Bb3 Rg8 15.Nc4 Rg6 16.Ne3 #11 Theory 1A2: 7... d6-A2: 7...d6 9. fxe5]

14...a6 0.34/20

[14...0-0-0= -0.10/20]

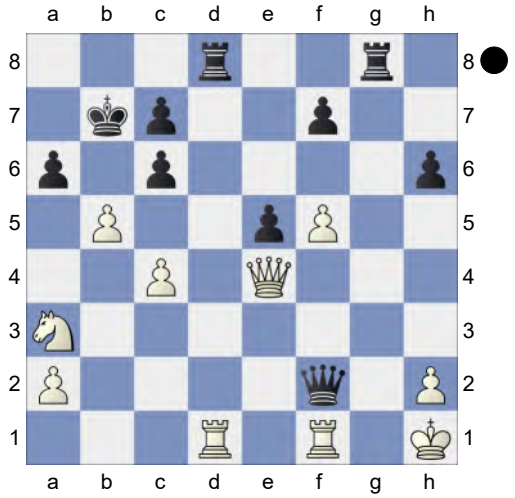
15.Bd5 0-0-0 16.Rad1 -0.28/19

[16.Rae1 0.18/19 is more appropriate.]



16...f5!= and ...fxe4 would now be decisive **17.Bxc6**

[17.Bxe6+ Qxe6]
17...bxc6 18.exf5 Bd5 19.Qe2 Threatens to win with c4. **19...Kb7?** 2.52/21
[19...Rhg8!∓ -0.62/23 20.Rf2 *(20.Qxa6+ Kb8∓)* 20...Qc5]
20.c4+- Bxg2+ 21.Qxg2 Rhg8 22.Qe4 Qc5 23.b4 Qf2 (→ ...Rd2!) **24.b5??** -#8/19
[24.Rxf2? is a self mate. Rxd1+]
[24.Rb1+- 2.91/22 Qd4 25.Qxd4 Rxd4 26.Nc2 Rxc4 27.Rf2]



24...Rd2! 25.Qxc6+ Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/Black=0.50 **25...Kb8**
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148 **C54**
□ **Peglau,Mirjam** **2800**
■ **Lyot,Jean Louis** **2636**
38/515 Novi Sad (1) 28.08.2010
[Mon Hokmome]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome: 'C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3'' **1.e4** Kitty Kat Kitty Kat Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome Mon Hokmome: 'Kitty Kat Kitty Kat'' **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 a6**
[RR 5...d6 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome' 6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1 a6 8.h3 h6 9.a4 Ba7 10.Nbd2
A) RR 10...Re8 11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.Ng3 d5 14.Qe2 a5 15.Nh4 Ne7 16.Nhf5 dxe4 17.dxe4 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 Qd7 19.Qf3 Rd8 20.Bxh6 Nxe4 21.Rxe4 gxh6 22.Qg4+ Rg6 23.Nxh6+ Kf8 24.Qxd7 Rxd7 25.Nf5;
B) RR 10...Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Ne7 13.Nf1 Ng6 14.N1h2 Rf7 15.g3 d5 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Qd6 18.Qb3 a5 19.bxa5 Nd7 20.d4 Raf8 21.Rd1 dxe4 22.Nxe5 Ndxe5 23.dxe5 Qc6 24.Qb5 Qxb5 25.axb5;
C) RR 10...Ne7 11.Bb3 *(RR 11.d4 Ng6 12.Bf1 c6 13.Qc2 Qc7 14.a5 Re8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Rad8 19.Ree1 Rd7 20.Ne3 Rdd8 21.Rab1 Nf4 22.b4 Bc8 23.Rb2 Ne6 24.Nd2 Ng5 25.h4 Ne6)* 11...Ng6 12.d4 Re8 13.Bc2 c6 14.Nf1 Qc7 15.Ng3 Be6 16.Be3 Rad8 17.Qc1 Bb8 18.a5 Rd7 19.Ra4 d5 20.dxe5 Nxe4 21.Bb6 Qc8 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.Raxe4 Bf5 24.R4e3 Bxc2 25.Qxc2;
D) 10...Qe7 11.b4 Be6 12.Rb1 Qd7 13.b5 Ne7 14.d4 Bxc4 15.Nxc4 exd4 16.cxd4 axb5 17.Rxb5 c6 18.Rb3 *(RR 18.Rb1)* 18...d5 19.Nfe5 Qd8 *(RR 19...Qc7 20.exd5 cxd5)* 20.exd5 Dominguez Perez,L (2741)-So,W (2751) Saint Louis USA 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (43)]

6.0-0 Ba7 7.Bb3 d6 8.Re1N Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome: 'N"

[RR 8.Nbd2 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome' 0-0 9.h3 h6 10.Re1 Re8 11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bc2 *(RR 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Nxe3 Bxb3 14.Qxb3 Qd7 15.a4)* 12...d5 13.exd5 Qxd5 14.Ng3 Rad8 15.b4 Bc8 16.a4 b5 17.Bd2 Qd6 18.axb5 axb5 19.Qe2 Bb6 20.Rad1 Qe6 21.Nh4 Qa2 22.Bb1 Qb3 Nigmatov,O (2447)-Jin,Y (2309) Doha QAT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (41)]

[8.h3 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S]

8...h6

[8...0-0 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S]

9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Nf1 Be6 11.Ng3

[11.Bxe6 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S fxe6 12.Qb3 Qd7]

11...Re8

[11...d5 seems wilder. Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome: 'seems wilder." 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nh5 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome' *(13.Nxe5* Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S *Nxe5 14.Rxe5 Bxf2+)* 13...Bg4]

12.Bxe6 Rxe6 The position is equal. Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome: 'The position is equal." **13.h3**

[13.d4!? Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome' Re8 *(13...d5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Bf4 Qd3 18.Qa4 Qb5 19.Qxb5 axb5 20.h4 e3 21.Bxe3 Rxe5 22.Bxa7 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Rxa7 24.Re8+ Kh7 25.a3 c5 26.Re7 Kg6 27.g3 Kf6 28.Rc7* Radjabov,T (2713)-Karjakin,S (2772) Shamkir 120/(111) 2014 CI1-130 [Leitao,Rafael] (48) *)* 14.Be3=]

13...d5 14.Qe2 Qd7 15.Nh4N Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome: 'N"

[15.Be3 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome' Bxe3 16.Qxe3 Rd8 17.Rad1 dxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.Qxe4 Qd5 20.Qxd5 Rxd5 21.Rd2 Red6 22.Red1 Rd7 23.d4 exd4 24.Nxd4 Ne5 25.b4 c5 26.Nb3 Rxd2 27.Rxd2 Rxd2 28.Nxd2 cxb4 29.cxb4 Nc6 6.c4 ♘f6 7.♘5c3 e6_50395 (1591)-Rudyak,I (1868) Deutschland 84/(121) 2023 The Week in Chess 404 [John Watson] ½-½ (32)]

15...Rd8 16.Nhf5 dxe4 17.dxe4 Qd3 18.Kf1 Ree8 0.01/24

[18...h5∓ -0.38/22 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome']

19.Qxd3 Rxd3 20.Ke2 -0.37/23

[20.Be3= 0.01/23 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome: '=" Red8 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S 21.Bxa7 Nxa7 22.Ne3]

20...Red8∓ Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome: '∓" **21.f3 a5** 0.01/21

[21...R8d7∓ -0.48/20 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome']

[21...R3d7 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S]

22.a4= Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome: '="

[22.Ne3 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S a4 23.Rd1 *(23.Nd5 Nxe4 24.Kxd3 Nxg3 25.c4 b5)* 23...Rxd1 24.Nxd1]

22...R3d7

[22...Kh7 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S 23.Ne3 g6 24.Ngf1]

23.Ne3 Ne8

[23...Bc5 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S 24.Nc4]

24.Ngf5 Nd6 0.48/23

[24...h5= -0.01/24 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome']

[24...Bxe3 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S 25.Bxe3 *(25.Nxe3 f6)* 25...Nd6]
25.Nxd6± Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome: ' ±" **25...Rxd6 26.Nc4 Rd3 27.Bd2 Bc5**
[27...f6 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S]
28.Red1 f6 29.Be1 Rxd1 30.Rxd1 Rxd1 31.Kxd1 Endgame KBN-KBN Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome: 'Endgame KBN-KBN'' **31...h5 32.g4 hxg4 33.fxg4 g5!** Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome: '!'' **34.Ke2 Kf7 35.Kd3 Ke6 36.Nd2 Nb8 37.b4** 0.27/26
[37.Nb3± 0.62/26 is superior. Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome: ' ±' Mon Hokmome: 'is superior.'' Bb6 38.c4 Na6 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S]
37...axb4= Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome: '=" **38.Nb3!** Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome: '!'' **38...Bb6 39.cxb4 c6 40.Kc4 Nd7 41.a5**
[41.b5 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S]
41...Be3 42.b5 cxb5+ 43.Kxb5 Nb8? 3.33/32
[Better is 43...Ba7± 0.41/29 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome']
[43...Bg1 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S 44.Bb4 Be3 45.Bc5 Bxc5 46.Nxc5+ Nxc5 47.Kxc5 Kd7]

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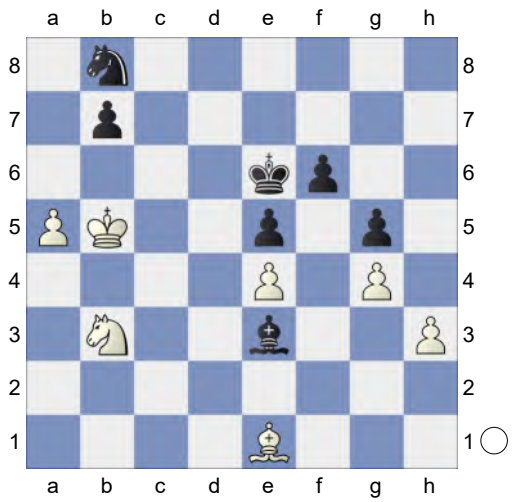

Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome: '?' Mon Hokmome: '[#]'' **44.Nc5+!+-** Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome: '+-!'' **44...Bxc5 45.Kxc5** Strongly threatening Kc5-b6. KB-KN Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome: 'Strongly threatening Kc5-b6. KB-KN'' **45...Nd7+ 46.Kb5 Kd6**
[46...Kf7 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S 47.Bb4 Ke8 48.Bd6 Kf7 49.Kc4 Ke6 50.Bb4 Nb8 51.Kb5 Kd7 *(51...Nd7)* 52.Kb6 Nc6 53.Be1 Nd8 54.h4 gxh4 55.Bxh4]
47.Bb4+ Ke6 48.a6 bxa6+ 49.Kxa6? 0.01/26
[49.Kc6+- 8.56/35 Nb8+ 50.Kb7 a5 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S 51.Ba3 Nd7 *(51...Kd7 52.Kxb8 Kc6 53.Kc8 Kb5 54.Kd7)* 52.Kc7 a4 53.Bb4]

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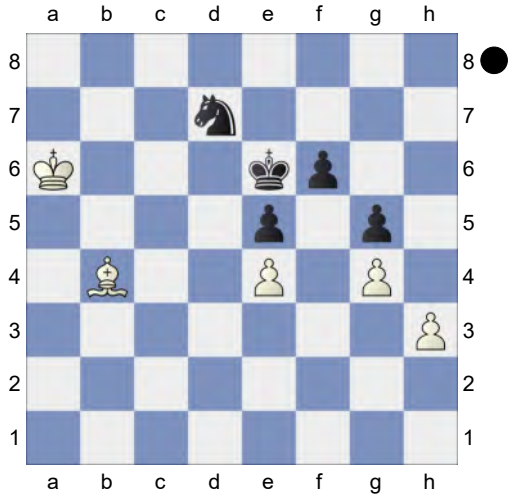


Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome: '?' Mon Hokmome: '[#]''
49...Kf7!= Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome: '=!'' **50.Kb7 f5?** 8.73/35 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome: '?''

[50...Nf8= 0.01/34 51.Bxf8 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S Kxf8 52.Kc6 Ke7 53.Kc7 Ke6 54.Kd8 Kd6 55.Ke8 Kc5 56.Kf7 Kd4 57.Kxf6 Kxe4 58.Kxg5 Kf3 59.h4 *(59.Kh5 e4 60.g5 e3 61.g6 e2 62.g7 e1Q 63.g8Q Qe5+ 64.Qg5 Qh8+ 65.Qh6 Qe5+)* 59...e4 60.h5 e3 61.h6 e2 62.h7 e1Q 63.h8Q Qc1+]

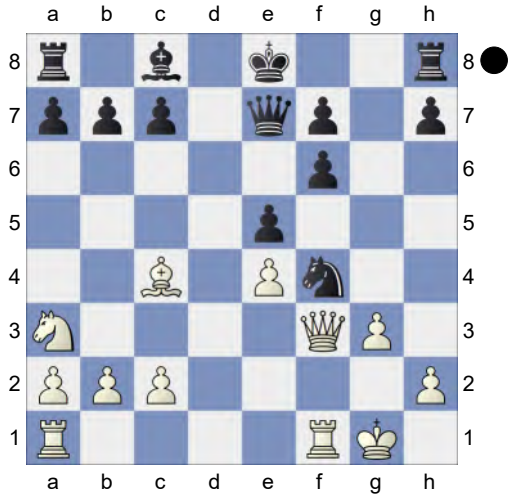
51.exf5+- Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome: '+-'' **51...e4 52.Kc6 Ne5+ 53.Kd5 Nd3 54.Bd2 Nf2**

[54...Kf6 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S 55.Be3]

55.Bxg5 Nxh3 56.Be3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.52 Lirindzakis,T; Porfiriadis,S: 'Mon Hokmome: 'Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.52''
1-0

149 **C55**
□ **HELMUT_LANG** **2797**
■ **AnythingButAverage** **3015**
Blitz 17.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Qe7 10.Na3 Ne6 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Qf3!** Black is slightly better. **12...Nf4 13.g3!**



Rg8N 0.00/21

[13...Nh3+!∓ -0.73/21 14.Kh1 Ng5 15.Qxf6 Qxf6 16.Rxf6 Bh3 *(16...Nxe4 17.Rxf7 Bd7 18.Re1±; 16...Ke7 17.Rh6 Kf8 18.Kg2 Kg7 19.Rh4 Rd8* Italian Gambit 2021 *)*]

14.Kh1!= Bg4 15.Qf2 -0.59/21

[15.Qb3= 0.06/21 Ne6 16.Qxb7]

15...Bh3 0.28/18

[15...Ne6∓ -0.59/21 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Rxf6 Ng5]

16.gxf4 Bg2+ 17.Qxg2! Rxg2 18.Kxg2 0-0-0 19.Kh1 -0.19/20

[19.Bd3± 0.31/20]

19...exf4 0.28/20

[⊼19...a6 -0.19/20]

20.Bd3! f5 21.exf5 Qe5 (→ ...Qd5+)

22.Rae1 Qxb2 23.Nc4 Qd4 0.73/19
Black is weak on the light squares
[23...Qc3!= 0.04/16]
24.Re4↑ White has strong initiative.
24...Qd5 1.35/22
[⊼24...Qg7 0.73/19]
25.Rfxf4 White is more active. **25...Re8 26.Ne3 Qc6 27.a4 Rxe4 28.Rxe4**
[28.Bxe4?! Qd6 29.Rg4 h5 30.Rg8+ Kd7 31.Bxb7 h4±]
28...a6 29.Kg2 Qh6 30.Ng4 0.55/20
[Better is 30.h4± 1.59/19]
30...Qd2+? 2.25/20
[30...Qg5!± 0.55/20]
31.Kg3 Loses the game. **31...Qd1?** 4.54/19
[31...h5± 1.53/17]
32.Kh4+- b5 33.axb5 axb5 34.f6 b4 35.Kg5? 1.98/18
[35.Rxb4? too greedy. Qe1+ 36.Kg5 Qxb4-+]
[35.Re7 5.23/19]
35...b3 Strongly threatening ...b2.
36.Ba6+ Kb8 37.cxb3 Qd5+ 5.08/28
[37...Qd2+ 2.11/18 38.Kh4 h5]
38.Re5 Qd2+ 7.29/21
[⊼38...Qd8 4.92/18 39.Kh6 Qd1]
39.Kh4 h5 40.Kxh5
[Not 40.Rxh5 Qe1+ 41.Kg5 *(41.Kh3 Qc3+ 42.Kh4 Qe1+ 43.Kh3 Qc3+ 44.Kh4 Qe1+=)* 41...Qc1+ *(41...Qa5+ 42.Kh6±)* 42.Kh4 Qe1+ 43.Kh3 Qc3+ 44.Kh4 Qe1+=]
40...Qc3 41.Bc4 Qh3+ 42.Kg5 Qh7 43.Kf4 Kb7 44.Kg3 Qc2 45.h4 Qc3+ 46.Kf4 Qc1+ 47.Kf5 Qf1+ 48.Kg5 Qc1+ 49.Kh5 Qf4 50.Bd5+ c6 51.Bxf7 Kb6 52.Bg6 Qd4 53.f7 Qd6 54.Rf5 Qf8 55.Kg5 Kc7 56.h5 Qd8+ 57.Kf4 Qd2+ 58.Ke5 Qc3+ 59.Ke6 Qb4

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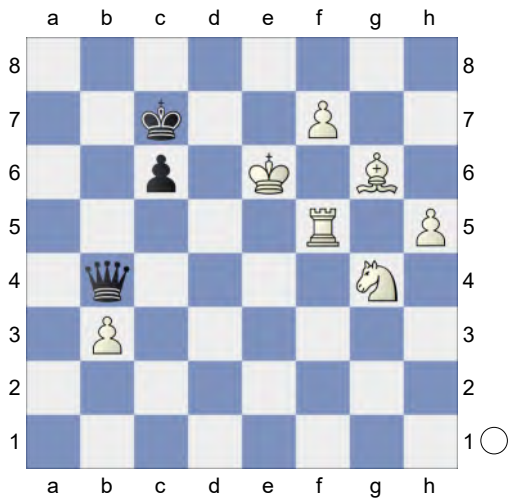
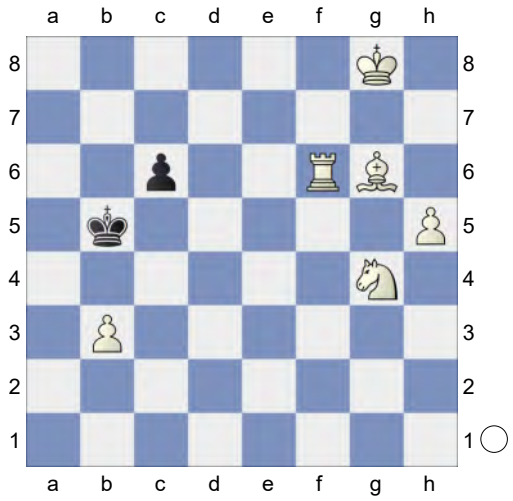


60.Kf6! Black must now prevent Kg7!.
60...Qd6+
[60...Qf8 61.h6]
61.Kg7 Qd4+ 62.Kg8 Qd6 63.f8Q White mates. **63...Qd7 64.Qf7 Qxf7+ 65.Rxf7+ Kb6 66.Rf6 Kb5**



67.Rxc6! Kxc6 68.h6 Kb5 69.h7 Kb4 70.h8Q Ka3 71.Qd4 Ka2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) / Black=0.53 **72.b4**
1-0

150 **C54**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2796**
■ **Liang,Awonder** **2677**
ch-2024 Saint Louis USA (9.4) 21.10.24
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 Inf 67/(405) Current Reputation: Playable for both sides Kramnik,V: 'Inf 47/(394)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 Bb6 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.Bb3 Ne7 9.Nc4 Ng6 10.Re1**

[10.h3 c6 11.Nxb6 axb6 12.Re1 b5 13.a4 h6 14.Be3 bxa4 15.Rxa4 Rxa4 16.Bxa4 d5 17.Bc2 Re8 18.Qb1 Be6 Italian Game,C-Giuoco Pianissimo,W 364 Linz 2014]

10...Re8N '!' outshines the older 10...Be6. erfolgreicher als das alte 10...Le6.

[10...c6 11.Nxb6 axb6 12.d4 Qe7 13.h3 h6 14.a3 b5 C 54/07-N,N 2000 C 54/07-N,N 2000 15.c4 bxc4 16.Bxc4 b5 17.Bf1 Bd7 18.dxe5 dxe5 19.b4 c5 20.bxc5 Qxc5 Wolff,P (2565)-Sokolov,I (2665) 67/(405) New York 1996]

[10...Be6 11.h3 h6 12.d4 Bxc4 13.Bxc4 Re8 14.Qb3 Qd7 15.a4 a5 16.Be3 Nxe4 17.Bb5 c6 18.Bd3 exd4 19.Bxd4 Bxd4 20.Bxe4 Rxe4 21.Rxe4 Bf6 22.Rae1 d5 23.R4e3 Rd8 24.Qb6 Ra8 25.Rd1 Kramnik,V-Yakovich,Y (2455) 47/(394) Belgorod 1989 Ne7 26.Ne5 Qc8 27.Re2 h5 28.Rde1 Ra6 29.Qc5 Qc7 30.Nf3 Ng6 31.Re8+ Kh7 32.Qe3 Nf4 33.Ne5 Bg5 34.Qf3 Bh6 35.g3 Hantel,T-Robertson,D (2455) 88/348 Geneve 2003]

11.d4 -0.18/20

[White should play 11.Bc2± 0.37/24]

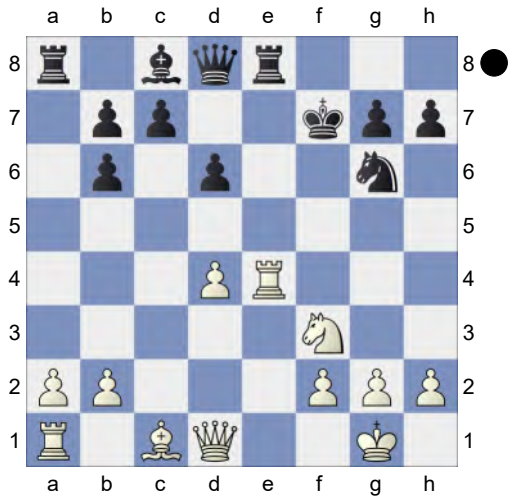
11...exd4= 12.Nxb6 axb6 13.cxd4

[13.Qxd4 feels hotter. Bg4 14.Ng5 d5 15.h3]

13...Nxe4

[13...Rxe4 14.Bxf7+ Kh8 15.Rxe4 Nxe4 16.Qe1=]

14.Bxf7+ Kxf7 15.Rxe4!



Remove Defender, Decoy **15...Rxe4 16.Ng5+ Kg8 17.Nxe4 Qe7** 'N'

[17...Bf5 18.Qb3+ d5 19.Ng3 Qd7 20.Be3 Be6 21.Rc1 b5 22.Bd2 c6 23.Bb4 Qf7 ½-½ Gluma,C (2245)-Buchinger,A (1823) GER-chT U20 Magdeburg 2023 (2.2)]

18.Nc3 Qf7 19.d5 Bd7 20.Qd4 Qf5 21.Be3 Ne5 22.Qe4 -0.84/19

[22.b3= -0.15/22]

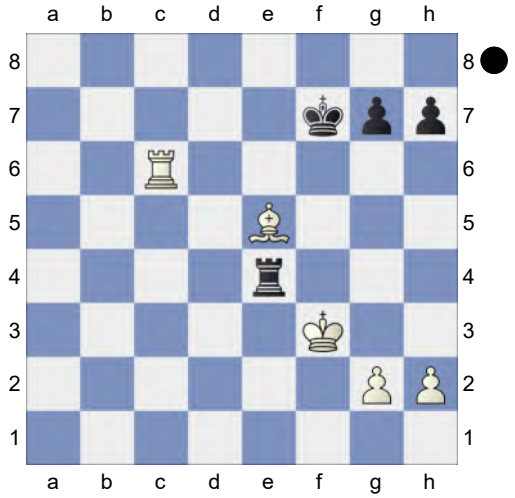
22...Qxe4∓ 23.Nxe4 Ra5 24.Nc3 b5 25.b4 Ra3 26.Bd2 c5 -0.04/20

[26...Kf7∓ -0.61/22]

27.dxc6!= The position is equal.

27...bxc6 28.Ne4! Nc4 Strongly threatening ...Nxd2. **29.Bf4 Rd3 30.f3 Bf5 31.Ng3 Bg6 32.a4 bxa4 33.Rxa4 Rd1+ 34.Kf2 Nb2 35.Ra8+ Kf7 36.Ne4 Bxe4 37.fxe4** Endgame. KRB-KRN **37...Rd4 38.Rc8 Rxb4 39.Bxd6 Rxe4 40.Rxc6 Nd3+ 41.Kf3 Ne5+ 42.Bxe5**

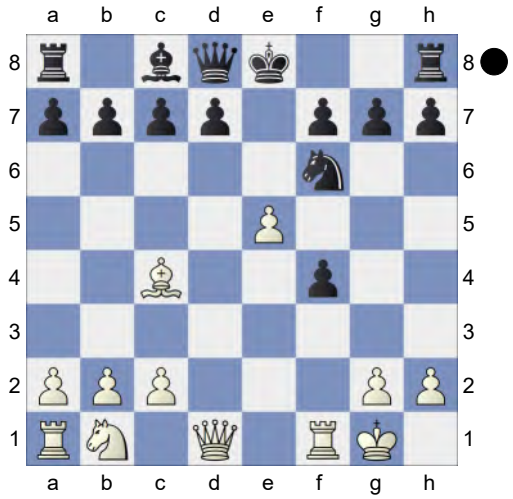
(Diagram)



Deflection **42...Rxe5 43.Kf4 Re2 44.Kf3 Re5 45.Kf4 Re2 46.Kf3 Re5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

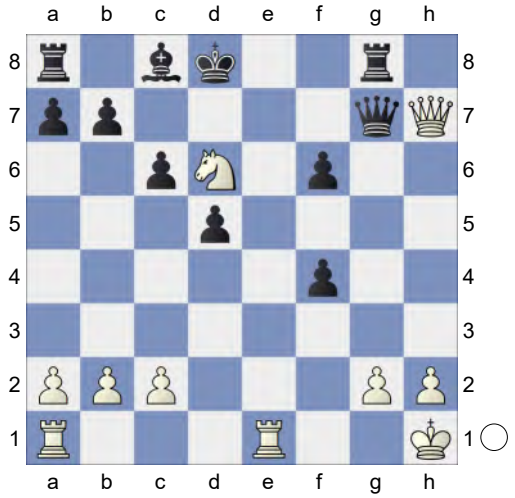
151 **C55**
□ **kenkons** **2795**
■ **Secret_Spion** **2703**
Blitz 21.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Be3 Ne6**
[7...Nc6 8.f4 exf4 9.Bxf4 d6 10.Bb5 Bd7 11.Bg5 Ne5 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Bxd7+ Qxd7 14.Nc3 0-0-0 15.Nd5 h5 16.Qd4 Kb8 17.Nxf6 Qc6 18.c3 h4 19.h3 Rh6 20.Rf5 Qb5 21.Rd1 Rc8 22.b3 1-0 Predke,A (2673)-Eljanov,P (2706) ITA-chT GpA 55th 2024 (6.1)]
8.f4N
[8.Nc3 0-0 9.Qe2 d6 10.Rad1 Nf4 11.Bxf4 exf4 12.Qd2 f3 13.gxf3 Nh5 14.Kh1 Be6 15.Bd5 Qf6 16.Qe3 Nf4 17.Rg1 Rab8 18.b4 a6 19.Rg3 Rfe8 20.Rdg1 g6 21.Rd1 Bxd5 22.Nxd5 Nxd5 0-1 Faust,D (1919)-Carrizo,J (1724) corr FICGS CHESS 2007 (1)]
8...Nxf4 0.03/21
[8...Nxe4 9.fxe5 0-0 10.Bd5=]
[8...d6∓ -0.34/21 is more appropriate.]
9.Bxf4= exf4 10.e5

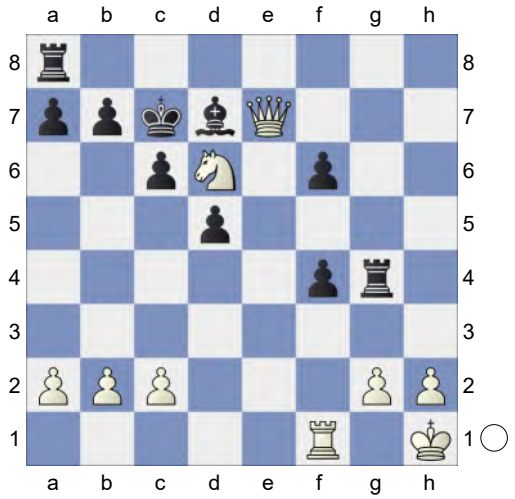


Qe7 3.11/22 **11.exf6+- Qc5+ 12.Kh1 Qxc4 13.Re1+** 2.73/19
[⊼13.fxg7 4.71/18 Rg8 14.Nd2]
13...Kd8 4.17/19
[⊼13...Kf8 2.73/19 14.Qh5 h6 *(14...Qxc2 15.Re8+* Skewer, Decoy, Back Rank, Promotion *Kxe8 16.Qe5+ Kf8 17.fxg7+ Kg8 18.gxh8Q#)*]
14.fxg7 Rg8 15.Qg4? 1.57/16
[15.Qh5+- 4.19/20 Threatening mate with Qh4+. c6 16.Nc3 *(16.Qxh7 f6+-)* 16...Rxg7 17.Re4]
15...f6± 16.Qh5→ 1.20/21 White is out for blood.
[16.Nc3 Qf7±]
[⊼16.Re2 1.59/20]
16...c6 17.Nd2 Some like it hot
[17.Qxh7?! Qf7=]
17...Qd5 18.Qxh7 aiming for Ne4.
18...Qf7 19.Ne4 0.86/18 White is much more active.
[White should play 19.Re2 1.32/21]

19...d5? 4.86/18
[19...Qxg7± 0.86/18 is a better chance. 20.Qxg7 Rxg7]
20.Nd6 White is clearly winning.
20...Qxg7



21.Re8+! Double Attack **21...Kc7**
[21...Kd7 22.Qxg8]
22.Re7+ Skewer **22...Qxe7 23.Qxe7+ Bd7 24.Rf1 Rg4**

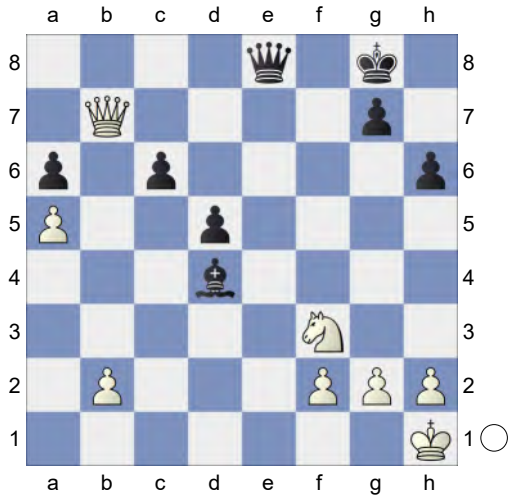


25.Nxb7! Rag8
[25...f3 26.Qd6+]
26.Nc5 R8g7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/Black=0.90 **27.Ne6+**
1-0

152 **C54**
□ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2794**
■ **Pechac,Jergus** **2582**
EU-Cup 39th Vrnjacka Banja (5.1)
[Kitty Kat]

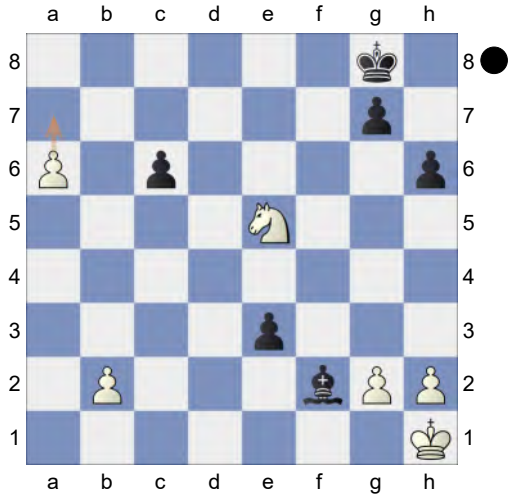
C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...a6N
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3)]
6.0-0 Ba7 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 d6 9.Nbd2 The position is equal. **9...Qe7!** 0.37/20 now scores much better than the old 9...g5. punktet besser als das ältere

9...g5.
[9...g5= 0.00/20 10.Bg3 Na5]
10.Kh1 Be6
[10...g5!? 11.Bg3□ Nh5=]
11.a4 Bxc4 12.Nxc4 Qe6 13.Ne3N
[13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.b4 0-0 15.b5 Nd8 16.g3 Ne6 17.Kg2 Bc5 18.Qd2 axb5 19.axb5 ½-½ Anton Guijarro,D (2651)-Matlakov,M (2683) EU-Cup 36th Struga 2021 (5.5)]
13...Ne7 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.d4 0-0 16.Re1 Qe6 17.Qc2 c6 18.a5 -0.19/23
[18.Rad1± 0.31/19]
18...exd4= 19.cxd4 f5 0.35/23
[Black should play 19...d5= -0.18/22 20.e5 Rac8 *(20...f6 21.exf6 Qxf6 22.Re2=)*]
20.exf5 -0.01/18
[20.Nc4± 0.35/23]
20...Nxf5 21.Nxf5 Qxf5 22.Qb3+ Qf7 23.Re6 Rae8 24.Rae1 d5 25.Rxe8 Rxe8 26.Rxe8+ Qxe8 27.Qxb7 Bxd4



Deflection, Back Rank **28.Qxa6 Bxf2** Endgame KQB-KQN **29.Qd3 Qe4** Against g3 **30.Qxe4 dxe4±** KB-KN **31.Ne5 e3 32.a6**

(Diagram)



e2 33.Nd3 Kf7 34.g4 Ke7 35.Kg2 Bd4
[35...e1B? loses. 36.Nxf2 g6 37.a7+-]
[35...e1N+? 36.Kxf2 Nxd3+ 37.Kg3+-]
[35...e1R?! 36.Nxe1 Bb6 *(36...Bxe1? 37.a7+-)* 37.Nf3±]
36.Kf3 Kd6 37.Kxe2 Kc7 38.Kf3 Kb6 39.Ke4 Bg1 40.h4 Kxa6 41.h5 Bb6! 42.Ke5 Kb5 43.b3 Bg1 44.Kd6 c5 45.Kd5 Be3 46.Ke4 Bg5 47.Kf5 Be3 48.Kg6 Bd4 49.Kf7 Ka5 50.Ke7 Kb5 51.Ke6 Bg1 52.Ke5
[52.Kf7!? Bd4□ 53.Kg6=]
52...Bd4+ 53.Ke6 Bg1 54.Kd6
[54.Kf7!?]
54...Bd4 55.Nf4 Kb4 56.Ne6 Kxb3 57.Nxc5+ Kc4 58.Ne6 Bf6 59.Nc7 Kd4 60.Ne8 and Nxf6 would now be decisive **60...Be5+ 61.Ke6** -0.69/25
[61.Ke7= -0.20/38 should be considered.]
61...Ke4∓ 62.Kf7 Kf4 63.Nxg7 Kxg4 and ...Bxg7 should not be overlooked Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless) **64.Ne8 ½-½**

153 **C55**
□ **HELMUT_LANG** **2793**
■ **KING_Kaymer** **2756**
Blitz 26.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5! b5N** 0.07/20

[9...Qe7∓ -0.59/18 10.Nd2 *(10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.c3 Ne6 12.Nd2 Rg8 13.Kh1 Bd7 14.Qf3 Rg6 15.Qf2 Nf4 16.g3 Nh3 17.Qe3 b6 18.a4 Rd8 19.Nf3 Rg4 20.Qh6 Rxe4 21.Bd5 Re2 22.Qxh7 Nf2+ 23.Rxf2 Rxf2 24.Qh8+ Qf8* ½-½ Lanzani,M (2250)-Arlandi,E (2360) ITA-ch 46th Cesenatico 1986 (7)*; 10.Kh1 Be6 11.Bd3 0-0-0 12.Qe1 h6 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Nc3 Rhg8 15.Qf2 Qd6 16.Qxf6 Rg6 17.Qf2 Rdg8 18.Rg1 h5 19.Nd1 Rg4 20.Ne3 Rf4 21.Qd2 h4 22.Rgf1 h3 23.g3 Rxf1+ 24.Rxf1 f5* ½-½ Voboril,P-MainSlav/12 5...Bf5 London International 1876 (1)*)* 10...h5]

[9...Be6 10.Na3 Qe7 11.c3 Bxc4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxc4 Ne6 14.Ne3 Qc5 15.Qe1 0-0-0 16.Kh1 Nf4 17.g3 Rd3 18.Nf5 Ne6 19.Qe2 Rhd8 20.Nd4 R3xd4 21.cxd4 exd4 22.Rad1 Qe7 23.e5 fxe5 24.Qxe5 0-1 Nowroozian,N (2723)-Logan,T (2741) 3: St Edmunds 2003 (25)]

[9...Bd7 10.Na3 Qe7 11.c3 Ne6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Qf3 Nf4 14.Kh1 f5 15.exf5 0-0-0 16.Ba6 c6 17.Qe3 Qg5 18.Rf2 bxa6 19.Qxa7 Bxf5 20.Nc4 Nd5 21.Na5 Rd7 22.Qa8+ Kc7 23.Qxh8 Be4 24.Qa8 1-0 Can,E (2555)-Chuvnik,M (2189) EU-ch 16th Jerusalem 2015 (6)]

10.Bd3= 0-0 11.Nc3 c6 Dodges Nd5. White is slightly better. **12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Qh5 Be6** 0.94/20

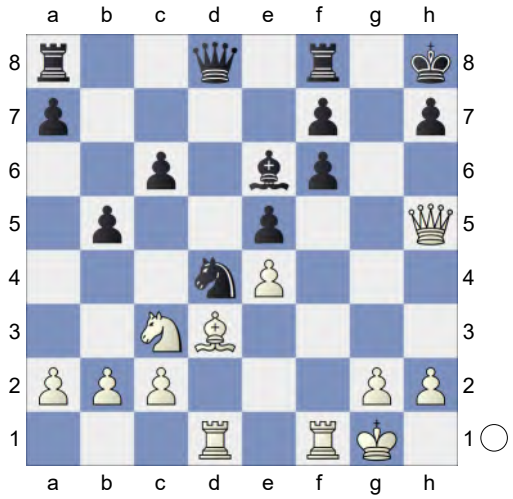
[13...Kh8± 0.33/19]

14.Rad1 0.12/18

[White should play 14.Rf2!± 0.94/20]

14...Kh8 1.18/23

[14...b4!= 0.12/18]



15.Qh6? -0.33/20

[15.Nd5!± 1.18/23 cxd5 16.exd5]

15...Rg8!∓ 16.Rxf6 a5

[16...Qf8 simplifies 17.Qxf8 Rgxf8 18.Rdf1 a5]

17.Rdf1 Rg7 18.a4 Qb6 0.00/22

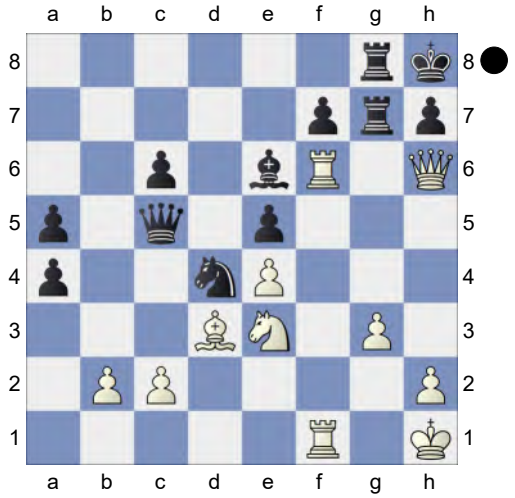
[18...b4∓ -0.41/22]

19.Kh1 Rag8 20.g3 Qc5 21.Nd1 -0.88/21

[21.Qe3= -0.27/20 keeps the balance.]

21...bxa4∓ 22.Ne3

(Diagram)



a3! 23.bxa3 Qxa3 24.Nc4 Qc5 25.Rxe6 Nxe6 26.Qf6 Qd4 0.04/18

[26...Rf8∓ -0.61/20 27.Nxe5 Qd4 28.Nxc6 Qxf6 29.Rxf6 Rg5]

27.Nxa5= Qd7 28.Nc4 Qd8 29.Nxe5 Qxf6 30.Rxf6 Nd8 31.Rd6 Re8 32.Nxc6 Nxc6 33.Rxc6 Endgame KRR-KRB **33...Rg5 34.Kg2 Kg7 35.Kf3 Re7 36.h4 Ra5 37.g4 f6 38.h5 Rd7 39.Bc4 Rd2** 0.58/19

[39...Ra3+= 0.11/20 feels stronger. 40.Kf4 Rd2]

40.Bd5 0.01/24

[40.Rc7+!± 0.58/19 Kf8 41.Rf7+ *(41.Rxh7 Rxc2 42.Bd3 Ra3=)* 41...Ke8 42.Rxf6 *(42.Rxh7?* too greedy. *Ra3+ 43.Bd3 Rxc2-+)*]

40...Ra3+ 41.Kf4? -#1/16

[41.Bb3= 0.01/28]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.20 (precise) **41...Rf2# 0-1**

154 **C50**

□ **Caruana,F.** **2789**

■ **Aronian,L.** **2744**

GCT Finals 2025 (1.6) 30.09.2025

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 This game is from the 8th round of the Deizisau open, where the top seed Super GM Etienne Bacrot had run into a painful defeat. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 0-0 6.Nbd2**

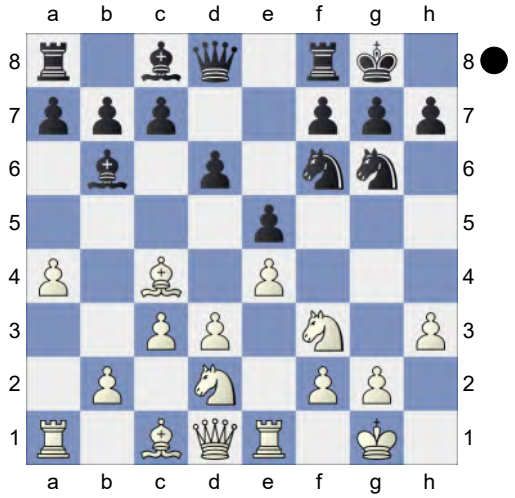
[6.a4 h6 7.c3 a5 8.h3 d6 9.Re1 Ba7 10.Nbd2 Ne7 11.Nf1 Ng6 12.Ng3 c6 13.d4 exd4 14.Nxd4 Re8 15.Bd2 d5 16.exd5 Rxe1+ 17.Bxe1 Nxd5 18.Nb5 Bb6 19.Bxd5 Qxd5 20.Qxd5 cxd5 ½-½ Karjakin,S (2783)-Kramnik,V (2811) Vugar Gashimov Mem 2017 (7)]

6...d6N

[6...d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Re1 Nf6 9.h3 a6 *(9...Bd6 10.a3 a6 11.Ba2 Bf5 12.b4 Re8 13.Bb2 h6 14.Ne4 Be6 15.Bxe6 Rxe6 16.c4 Nxe4 17.dxe4 a5 18.c5 Bf8 19.Qb3 axb4 20.axb4 Rxa1 21.Rxa1 b6 22.b5 Nd4 23.Nxd4 exd4 24.Qd5* 1-0 ♘d7 10.d4 (2744)-Campos (2710) La (ol) 2/333 1966 (3.2) *Qxd5 25.exd5 Re5 26.d6 Rxc5 27.Bxd4 Bxd6 28.Bxc5 Bxc5 29.Ra8+ Kh7 30.Kf1 Kg6 31.Re8 h5 32.Ke2 Kf5 33.g3 g6 34.Kf3 g5 35.g4+ hxg4+ 36.hxg4+ Kf6 37.Rg8 Be7 38.Ke4 Ke6 39.Rh8* 0-1 Kamsky,G (2741)-Svidler,P (2739) FIDE World Cup 2011 (4.2)*)* 10.Nxe5 Bxf2+ 11.Kxf2 Qd4+ 12.Kg3 Nxe5 13.Nb3 Qd6 14.Bf4 Nfd7 15.Qh5 b5 16.Bxe5 Nxe5 17.Qxe5 Qg6+ 18.Kh2 bxc4 19.dxc4 Qxc2 20.Rac1 Qf2 21.Nc5 1-0 Shanava,K (2586)-

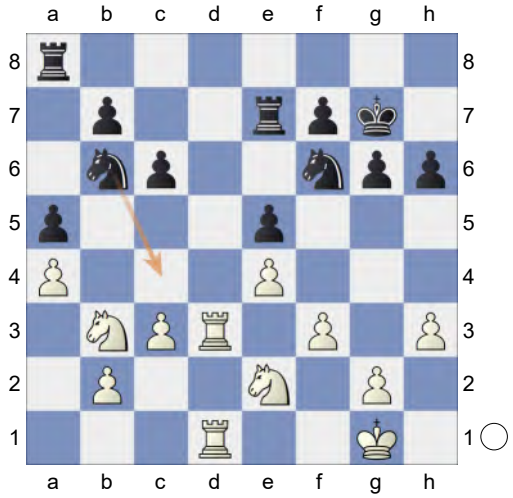
Bacrot,E (2706) 16th Neckar Open 2012 (8.1)]
[6...a5 7.c3 d6 8.h3 Ba7 9.Re1 Ne7 10.Nf1 Ng6 11.Ng3 c6 12.d4 h6 13.Bd3 Re8 14.Bc2 Qc7 15.Be3 c5 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Nf5 Be6 18.Qc1 c4 19.Bxh6 Nh5 20.Bxg7 Nxg7 21.Qh6 1-0 Krause,B (2478)-Walter,A (2241) GER-ch blitz 2022 (12)]

7.c3 Bb6 8.h3 Ne7 9.Re1 Ng6 10.a4



c6 11.Bb3 Re8 12.Nf1 -0.35/20
[12.d4= 0.07/21]
12...d5 13.Bg5 dxe4 0.25/23
[⚠13...h6! -0.20/23 14.Bxf6 Qxf6]
14.dxe4= h6 15.Qxd8 Bxd8 16.Bd2 a5 17.Ng3 Bb6 18.Rad1 Be6 19.Bxe6 Rxe6 20.Be3 Bxe3 21.Rxe3 Nf8 22.Red3 Inhibits N6d7. **22...g6 23.Nd2 N8d7 24.Nb3** Dodges Nc5 **24...Re7 25.f3 Kg7 26.Ne2** -0.07/26
[26.Nf1± 0.32/24]
26...Nb6

(Diagram)



27.Nc5 Nc4 28.b3 Nb2 29.Rd8 Rxd8 30.Rxd8 Strongly threatening Rd2. **30...b6 31.Nd3 Nxd3 32.Rxd3** Endgame KRN-KRN **32...Rd7** The position is equal. **33.Nc1 Kf8 34.Kf2 Ke7 35.Ke3 Ra7 36.Rd2 Nd7 37.Nd3 f6 38.Ra2 Kd6 39.b4 Ra8 40.h4 h5 41.g4 Rh8 42.Rh2 Ra8 43.Ra2 Rh8** and ...hxg4 should not be overlooked **44.Rh2 Ra8 45.Ra2** An even fight not without its subleties. Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless) **45...Rh8**
½-½

155 **C55**
□ **Lav_eli_mi_kri1920** **2788**
■ **jgeg** **2655**
Blitz 15.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 d6** -0.13/20
[8...Qe7!∓ -0.67/22]
9.f4= Bg4

[9...Be6 with more complications. 10.fxe5 Bxc4 11.Rxf6 gxf6 12.Bxf6 Ne2+]

10.Bxf6 Bxd1 11.Bxd8 Rxd8 12.Rxd1 Nxc2 13.Nc3

[13.Na3 Nxa1 14.Rxa1 c6 15.Rf1 exf4 16.Rxf4 0-0 17.Kf2 Kh8 18.Ke3 d5 0-1 Tumukunde,T-Okurut, M (1493) UGA-ch U20 Kampala 2025 (4)]

13...Nxa1 14.Rxa1 c6N

[14...exf4 15.Nd5 Kd7

A) 16.Nxf4 Rde8 *(16...Rhe8 17.Bd3 Re5* 22. Halloween,G-Max Lange Attempt*)* 17.Bxf7 Rxe4 18.Rf1 c6 19.Bg6 Re5 20.g4 Kc7 21.Bf7 Rb8 22.Ne6+ Kb6 23.Rf5 Re4 24.h3 g5 25.Rf3 a5 26.Kf2 d5 27.Rf6 Rh8 28.a3 Rc4 29.Bg6 Rc1 30.Nf8 Rh1 0-1 Pozzari,S (2048)-Basso,P (2516) ITA-ch 83rd Turin 2024 (10);

B) 16.Be2 Rde8 17.Bf3 c6 18.Nxf4 Kc7 Chapter 10-Old Max Lange 2024]

15.Rf1 White has compensation. **15...f6** 0.84/20

[15...exf4= -0.19/20 16.Rxf4 0-0]

16.f5± Ke7 17.Rf3 Rhe8 1.27/19

[⚠17...d5 0.74/22 18.exd5 b5]

18.Be6 0.42/20

[18.Rg3± 1.27/19 Kf8 19.a4]

18...b5 0.86/21

[18...g6!± 0.42/20]

19.b4 0.36/19

[19.Nd1± 0.86/21]

19...a5± 20.a3 -0.16/20

[20.bxa5 0.27/22 is more appropriate. Ra8 21.Rg3]

20...Ra8 1.06/19

[20...axb4= -0.16/20 21.axb4 Ra8]

21.h4? -0.72/22 White is more active.

[21.Rg3± 1.06/19 g5 22.Na2]

21...axb4∓ 22.axb4 Ra1+ 23.Kh2 Rea8 24.Rg3 -1.80/26

[24.Rf2!∓ -0.69/19]

24...Kf8!-+ 25.Rd3 -2.74/23

[25.Nxb5 -1.80/21 cxb5 26.Rc3]

25...R1a3 26.h5? -3.76/27

[26.Rg3 -1.76/22]

26...R8a7? -0.96/25

[26...R8a4-+ -3.76/27 has better winning chances. 27.Bd7 Ra8]

27.Rg3 -1.80/24

[27.Rf3∓ -0.96/25]

27...Ra8 -0.84/20

[27...Ke8-+ -1.80/24 White must now prevent ...Kd8. 28.Rd3 Ke7 *(28...R7a4 29.Rf3∓)*]

28.Rd3? -3.54/25

[28.Rf3∓ -0.84/20]

28...c5 29.Rxd6 Rxc3 Endgame KRR-KRB **30.Rd7** -3.62/18

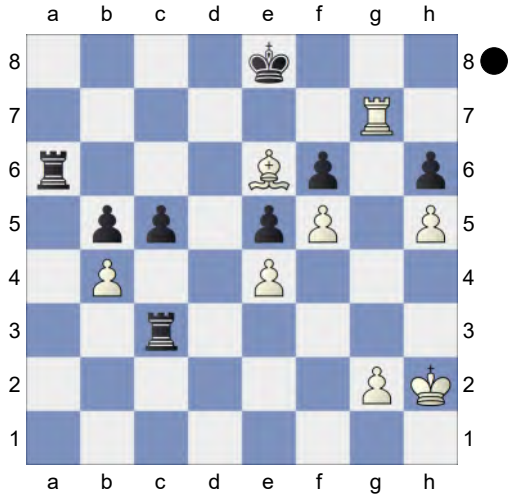
[30.bxc5 -2.19/22 was forced. Rxc5 31.Rd7]

30...Ra6? -0.34/23

[30...cxb4-+ -3.62/18 31.Rf7+ Ke8 32.Rxg7 Ra5]

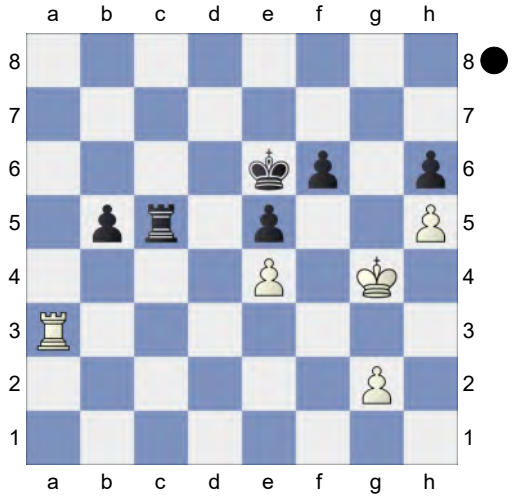
31.Rf7+∓ Ke8! 32.Rxg7? -4.89/22

[32.bxc5∓ -0.37/23 Ra4 *(32...Rxc5? 33.Rxg7 Rxe6 34.fxe6∓)* 33.Rc7]

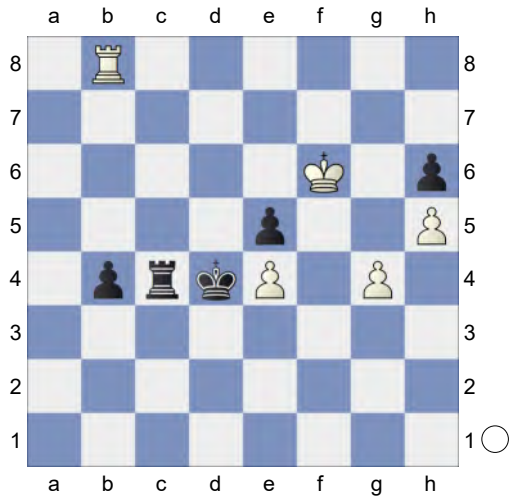


32...Rxe6!-+ 33.fxe6

[33.bxc5 Rc6]
33...cxb4∓ KR-KR. Black is a pawn up.
34.Rb7 Rc5 35.Rd7 b3 36.Rd3 Ke7? -0.64/19
[36...b2 37.Rb3∓]
[36...Rc4-+ -5.57/24 37.Rxb3 b4 *(37...Rxe4 38.Rxb5 Rh4+ 39.Kg3∓)*]
37.Rxb3 Kxe6 38.Kg3 Kd6 39.Kg4 Ke6 40.Ra3? -3.09/24
[40.Kf3= -0.06/22]



40...b4? 0.00/30
[40...Rc6!-+ -3.09/24 41.Rb3 Rb6]
41.Ra6+= Ke7 42.Rb6 Against Rb5
42...Rc2 43.g3 Rc4 44.Kf5 Rd4 45.g4
[45.Rxf6? Rd6 46.Rg6 Rxg6 47.hxg6 b3-+]
45...Rc4? 3.04/26
[45...Rd1= 0.01/29]
46.Re6+? 0.07/24
[46.Rxf6+- 3.04/26 Rxe4 47.Rxh6 Rf4+ 48.Kg5]
46...Kd7 47.Rb6
[47.Kxf6 b3 *(47...Rxe4 48.g5=)* 48.Kf7 Rb4 *(48...Rxe4? 49.Rb6-+)* 49.Rxe5 b2 50.Rd5+ Kc6-+]
47...Kc7 48.Rb5
[48.Rxf6 b3 49.Rf7+ *(49.Rxh6? b2-+)* 49...Kc6 50.Rf6+ *(50.Kxe5? b2-+)* 50...Kb7 51.Rf7+ *(51.Rxh6? b2-+)* 51...Rc7 52.Rxc7+ Kxc7-+]
48...Kc6 49.Rb8 Kc5 50.Kxf6 Kd4 3.22/23
[50...Rxe4= -0.07/21 and Black is okay. 51.g5 hxg5]



51.Kf5? 0.04/17
[White has to play 51.g5!+- 3.22/23]
51...Kc3! 52.Kxe5 b3 53.Rf8 Rb4 54.Rf1 b2 55.Rf3+? -10.59/24
[55.Kf5= 0.00/31]
55...Kc2? 0.00/24
[Better is 55...Kc4-+ -10.59/24 56.Rf1 b1Q *(56...b1B 57.Rf6±; 56...b1R 57.Rf5-+)* 57.Rxb1 Rxb1]
56.Rf1 b1Q -0.58/12
[Much weaker is 56...b1B 57.Rf6±]
[56...Rb3= 0.00/24]
57.Rxb1∓ Rxb1 The position is equal.
[57...Kxb1 58.Kf5=]
58.Kf5
[58.Kf6∓]
58...Rg1 59.e5 Kd3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.81/Black=0.74 **60.e6** Loss on time!?
1-0

156 **C50**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2786**
■ **Najer,Evgeniy** **2648**
FIDE Grand Swiss (6) 30.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4** Kitty Kat Kitty Kat **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Be7 7.Bg3 d6 8.a4 0-0** The position is equal. **9.Nbd2N**

[RR 9.h3 Be6 *(9...a5 10.0-0 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.c3 Qd7 13.Nbd2 Rf7 14.Nc4 b6 15.Bxe5 dxe5 16.Ncxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qe8 18.Nxf7 Qxf7 19.Qe2 h5 20.g3 c5 21.Kg2 Qg6 22.e5 Nd5 23.Qe4 Kh7 24.h4* Santos Latasa,J (2659)-Anand, V (2749) XXXVII Magistral de León 2024 (2.3) 0-1*)* 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.0-0 Quickstarter-Italian: 1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3. B]

[RR 9.a5 Be6 10.Bxe6 *(* RR *10.Nbd2 Bxc4 11.Nxc4 b5 12.axb6 axb6 13.Rxa8 Qxa8 14.0-0 Qa2 15.Qc1 Nh5 16.Ne3 Nxg3 17.hxg3)* 10...fxe6 11.0-0 *(*RR *11.c3 b5 12.Qb3 Qd7 13.0-0 a6 14.Nbd2 Nh5 15.Rfd1 g5 16.h3 Nf4 17.Bxf4 Rxf4 18.d4 Raf8 19.d5 Nd8 20.Nf1 h5 21.Ne3 g4 22.hxg4 hxg4 23.Nh2 Rxf2 24.Nexg4 R2f4 25.c4 bxc4)* 11...b5 12.axb6 axb6 13.Nc3 Qd7 14.Qd2 Nd4 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Ne2 e5 17.c3 c5 18.cxd4 cxd4 19.Qb4 b5 20.Qb3+ Kh7 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.h3 Rc8 *(*RR *22...Rf8)* 23.f4 Nh5 Caruana, F (2794)-Carlsen,M (2830) CCT Finals KO 2023 (1.7) 1/2-1/2 Caruana, F (2794)-Carlsen,M (2830) CCT Finals KO 2023 (1.7) 1/2-1/2 Caruana,F (2794)-Carlsen,M (2830) Toronto 2023 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (66) *(*RR *23...Rc5)*]

[RR 9.a5 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.c3 b5 12.Qb3 Qd7 13.0-0 a6 14.Nbd2 Nh5 15.Rfd1 g5 16.h3 Nf4 17.Bxf4 Rxf4 18.d4 Raf8 19.d5 Nd8 20.Nf1 h5 21.Ne3 g4 22.hxg4 hxg4 23.Nh2 Rxf2]

[RR 9.h3 a5 10.0-0 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.c3 Qd7 13.Nbd2 Rf7 14.Nc4 b6 15.Bxe5 dxe5 16.Ncxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qe8 18.Nxf7 Qxf7 19.Qe2 h5 20.g3 c5 21.Kg2 Qg6 22.e5 Nd5 23.Qe4 Kh7]

[RR 9.a5 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.0-0 b5 12.axb6 axb6 13.Nc3 Qd7 14.Qd2 Nd4 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Ne2 e5 17.c3 c5 18.cxd4 cxd4 19.Qb4 b5 20.Qb3+ Kh7 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.h3 Rc8 23.f4 Nh5 Caruana,F (2794)-Carlsen,M (2830) Toronto 2023 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (66)]

[RR 9.h3 a5 10.0-0 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.c3 Qd7 13.Nbd2 Rf7 14.Nc4 b6 15.Bxe5 dxe5 16.Ncxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qe8 18.Nxf7 Qxf7 19.Qe2 h5 20.g3 c5 21.Kg2 Qg6 22.e5 Nd5 23.Qe4 Kh7]

9...g6N

[RR 9...Kh8 10.c3 Ng8 *(* RR *10...Nh7 11.0-0 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Re1 a6 14.b4 Bf6 15.Bd5 Bxd3 16.Ne4 Bxe4 17.Bxe4 Ng5 18.Nxg5 Bxg5 19.b5 Na5 20.Bc2 Qe8 21.Qd3 g6 22.Re4 axb5 23.Rae1 Qf7 24.h4 Bf6 25.axb5)* 11.a5 a6 12.Qb3 f5 13.exf5 Bf6 14.Be6 Nge7 15.Ne4 Nxf5 16.Bxc8 Qxc8 17.0-0 Be7 18.Rfe1 Rb8 19.Qa4 d5 20.Ned2 Nxg3 21.hxg3 Qf5 22.Nf1 Bc5 23.Ne3 *(*RR *23.Rad1)* 23...Qxd3 24.Rad1 Firouzja,A (2763)-Lazavik,D (2566) Toronto 2023

Mega2024 Update 06 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (52)]

10.a5 Rb8 11.h3 b5 12.axb6 axb6 13.Bh2 0.01/20

[13.c3± 0.42/20 should be considered. should be considered.]

13...Bd7 14.0-0 Nh5 15.Re1 Bg5 16.Nf1 Bf4 17.Ne3 Bxh2+ 18.Kxh2 Nd4 19.Nxd4 exd4 20.Ng4

[20.Nf5 looks sharper. looks sharper. Qg5 21.h4 Qf6 22.Kg1]

20...Kg7 21.Ra7 -0.01/22

[21.e5± 0.49/21]

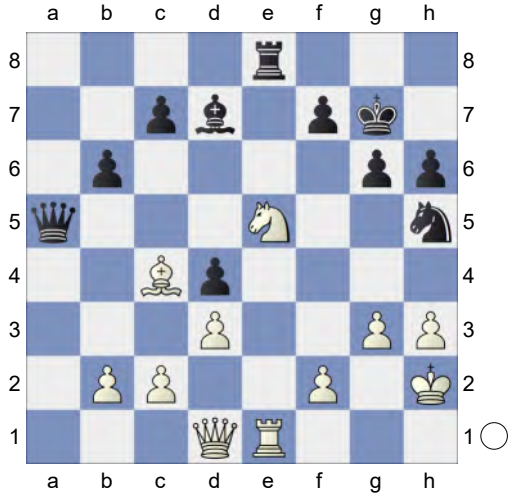
21...Ra8= 22.Rxa8 Qxa8 23.g3 Prevents Nh5-f4 Prevents Nh5-f4

23...Re8 0.12/21

[⌓23...Bxg4 -0.25/21 24.Qxg4 Qa5]

24.e5 dxe5 25.Nxe5 Qa5 1.33/25

[25...Qd8= 0.01/24 keeps the balance. keeps the balance.]



26.Re4 0.43/23

[White should play White should play 26.Qf3!± 1.33/25 Re7 *(26...Rxe5 27.Qxf7+ Kh8 28.Qg8#)* 27.Nxg6 Qxe1 28.Nxe7 Qxe7 29.Qxh5]

26...Nf6? 3.24/25 This move loses the game for Black. This move loses the game for Black.

[26...Rxe5 27.b4 *(27.Rxd4? Bc6-+)* 27...Qxb4 28.Rxe5±]

[26...Be6!± 0.43/23]

27.Nxd7+-

[27.Rxd4? Qxe5 *(27...Rxe5? 28.c3-+)* 28.Rf4 g5-+ *(28...Qxb2? 29.Bb3-+)*]

27...Nxe4 28.dxe4 Rxe4 29.Qf3 Qf5 30.Qxf5 gxf5 31.Nb8

[31.Bd3 Re7±]

31...f4 32.g4 h5? 4.29/24

[32...f3 2.48/22 was worth a try. was worth a try. 33.Nc6 *(33.Kg3 Re2±* Promotion Promotion *)* 33...Kh8]

33.Nc6

[Less strong is Less strong is 33.gxh5 Re5 34.b3 *(34.Nc6? Rc5-+)* 34...Rc5+-]

33...hxg4 34.hxg4 White is clearly winning. **34...Kf6 35.Kg2 Re1 36.Kf3**

[Don't take Don't take 36.Nxd4 Re4+-]

36...Rd1 37.Bd3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.39 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.39

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157 **C55**

□ **satlan** **2785**

■ **Moztiger** **2631**

Blitz 23.12.2021

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C56: Two Knights: 4 d4 exd4 5 0-0 Nxe4 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 exd4N**

[5...Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4

A) 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Be6 *(9...Qe7 10.Kh1 Be6 11.Bd3 0-0-0 12.Qe1 h6 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Nc3 Rhg8 15.Qf2 Qd6 16.Qxf6 Rg6 17.Qf2 Rdg8 18.Rg1 h5*

19.Nd1 Rg4 20.Ne3 Rf4 21.Qd2 h4 22.Rgf1 h3 23.g3 Rxf1+ 24.Rxf1 ½-½ Voboril,P-MainSlav/125...Bf5 London International 1876 (1) *)* 10.Na3 Qe7 *(10...Bxc4 11.Nxc4 Nc6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Ne3 Qd4 14.Qxd4 Nxd4 15.Rxf6 Rd8 16.Raf1 0-0 17.Ng4 Nc6 18.R6f5 f6 19.Nxf6+ Kh8 20.Nd5 Rxf5 21.Rxf5 Rd7 22.c3 Kg7 23.b4 h6 24.Kf2 Ne7 25.Rxe5* 1-0 N,N (2521)-12. ♘e2 ♖c8 13. b4_18566 (2226) Polska (ch) 117/(75) 2013 (1)*)* 11.c3 Bxc4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxc4 Ne6 14.Ne3 Qc5 15.Qe1 0-0-0 16.Kh1 Nf4 17.g3 Rd3 18.Nf5 Ne6 19.Qe2 Rhd8 20.Nd4 R3xd4 21.cxd4 exd4 0-1 Movsesian,S (2723)-Leko,P (2741) Moscow Tal Memorial Blitz 2008 (25);

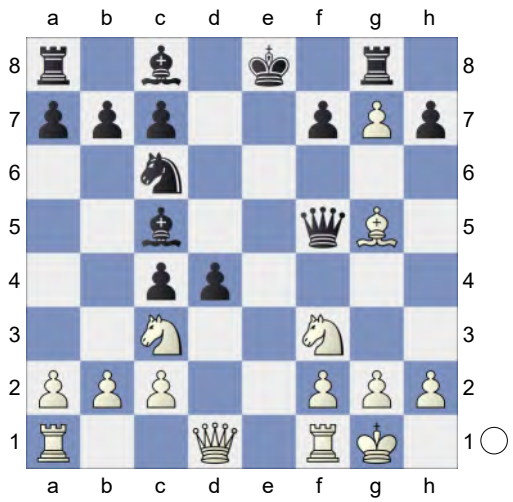
B) 7.Bg5 d6 8.f4 Ne6 9.fxe5 dxe5 10.Qxd8+ Nxd8 11.Nc3 c6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Rxf6 Ke7 14.Raf1 Rf8 15.Rh6 Rh8 16.Rh5 b5 17.Bb3 f6 18.Rh6 a5 19.a4 b4 20.Nd1 1-0 Margolis,A (2305)-Podolskyi,M (1874) Dubai op 2001 (7)]

6.e5 d5 7.exf6 dxc4 8.fxg7 Rg8 9.Bg5 Qd5 3.42/23

[9...f6= 0.24/21 10.Bh6 Qe7]

10.Nc3+- White has a decisive advantage. **10...Qf5**

(Diagram)



11.Ne4 Rxg7

[11...Qxe4 12.Re1+-]

12.Nxc5? -0.13/17

[12.Re1+- 2.68/19 White wants to mate with Nf6+. Kf8 *(12...Be6? 13.Nh4+-)* 13.Bh6 Pin]

12...Qxc5= 13.Bf6 Rg6 14.Bxd4 Nxd4 15.Qxd4 -0.66/18

[Better is 15.Nxd4= -0.16/24 Bh3 16.Re1+ Kf8 17.g3]

15...Qxd4∓ 16.Nxd4 Bh3! 17.Rfe1+ Kf8 18.g3 Rd8 19.Nf3 Rb6 20.b3 Bf5 21.Ne5! cxb3 22.cxb3 Rbd6 23.Rac1 c6↑ Black has some pressure. **24.Nc4** Prevents Rd2 **24...Rd4 25.Ne3 Be6 26.f4** -0.58/18

[26.Re2= -0.17/22 might be stronger.]

26...Rd2! 27.Red1 Rxd1+ 28.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 29.Nxd1 Endgame KB-KN **29...Ke7** -0.39/25

[29...a5!∓ -0.83/25]

30.Kf2 Kd6 31.Ke3 -1.11/25

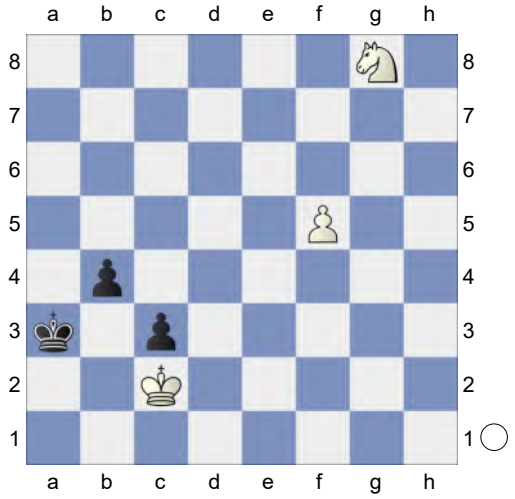
[31.Ne3= -0.28/23]

31...Kc5 -0.17/20

[31...a5∓ -1.11/25 and ...Kc5 would now be decisive 32.Ke4 f5+ 33.Kd4 c5+ 34.Kc3 b5]

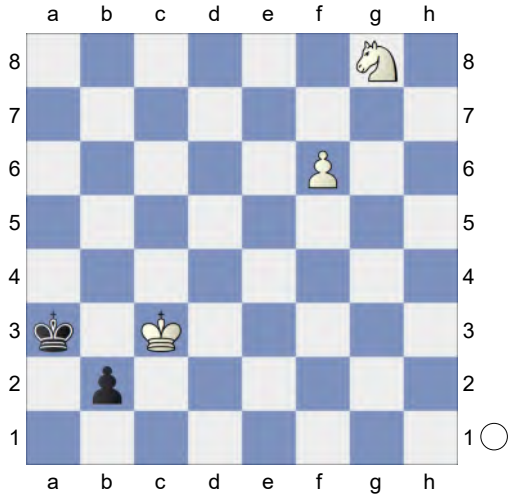
32.Kd3!= Kb4 33.Ne3! Ka3 34.f5 Bd7 35.g4 Kxa2 36.Kc3 b5 0.24/21

Repels Nc4
[36...c5∓ -0.31/23]
37.b4! Ka3 0.65/24
[37...c5= 0.11/22]
38.Nc2+ -0.08/21
[38.h4!± 0.65/24]
38...Ka4 39.Nd4! a5 40.bxa5 Kxa5 41.Nb3+ Kb6 42.Kb4 f6 43.Nc5 Be8 44.Ne4 Bf7 45.h4 h6 46.Nxf6 c5+ 47.Kc3 b4+ 48.Kb2 Kb5 49.g5 hxg5 50.hxg5 And now g6 would win. **50...c4 51.g6 c3+ 52.Kc2 Bc4 53.g7**
[53.Ng4!? Kc5□ 54.Ne3=]
53...Ka4? 14.55/21
[53...Kc5= 0.00/29 54.g8Q *(54.g8R Bxg8 55.Nxg8 Kd6=)* 54...Bxg8 55.Nxg8 Kd6=]
54.g8Q+- Bxg8 55.Nxg8 Ka3



56.f6! b3+ 57.Kxc3 b2

(Diagram)



58.f7!
[Don't go for 58.Kc2? Ka2 59.Ne7 b1Q+-+ *(59...b1R 60.Ng6=)*]
58...b1Q Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.43 **59.f8Q+**
[59.f8R gets mated. Qb4+ 60.Kd3 Qxf8 61.Ke3 Qxg8 62.Kf4 Qc4+ 63.Kf5 Kb4 64.Kg5 Kc5 65.Kg6 Qg4+ 66.Kf7 Kd5 67.Kf6 Kd6 68.Kf7 Qg5 69.Kf8 Ke6 70.Ke8 Qg8#]
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158 **C50**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2785**
■ **So,Wesley** **2760**
Superbet Classic 2023 (1.5) 06.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4** Kitty Kat Crusi More,R
1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6
[4...Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 0-0 7.h3 h6 8.Re1 a6 9.a4 a5 10.Nbd2 Be6 11.b3 Re8 12.Bb2 d5 13.Bb5 dxe4 14.dxe4 Nh5 15.Nc4 Qf6 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Ncxe5 Bxh3 18.Nd3 Qg6 19.Nh4 Firouzja,A (2778)-So,W (2771) Sinquefield Cup 9th 2022 (8)

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5.c3 Bb6 6.0-0 h6 7.Nbd2

[7.Re1 Nge7 8.b4 Ng6 9.a4 a6 10.a5 Ba7 11.Be3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Kh8 13.Bxa7 Rxa7 14.d4 Nf4 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nb3 Qf6 17.Re3 Rd8 18.Qf1 Bg4 19.Ne1 Ne7 20.f3 Be6 21.Bxe6 fxe6 Majek,K (2072)-Wesolek,K (1921) Polanica Zdroj op 59th 2023 (2) 1-0 1-0 Majek,K (2072)-Wesolek,K (1921) Polanica Zdroj op 59th 2023 (2)]

[RR 7.a4

A) 7...a5 8.Nbd2 *(RR 8.Be3 Ba7 9.Nbd2 Nf6 10.Qc2 g5 11.d4 g4 12.Ne1 exd4 13.cxd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Bxd4 15.Bxf7+ Kf8 16.Ba2 Qe7 17.Kh1 h5 18.Nd3 h4 19.Nf4 Rh6 20.e5 dxe5 21.Ng6+ Rxg6 22.Qxg6 Bxb2)* 8...Nge7 9.Bb3 0-0 10.Re1 *(RR 10.Nc4)* 10...Kh8 11.Nc4 Ba7 12.Be3 Ng6 *(RR 12...f5)* 13.Bxa7 Rxa7 14.Ne3 Nh4 15.Nxh4 Qxh4 16.g3 Qf6 17.f4 exf4 18.Rf1 Qg5 19.Rxf4 Bh3 20.Nd5 *(RR 20.Rxf7 Qxe3+ 21.Kh1 Rxf7; RR 20.Bxf7 Rxf7 21.Ng2 Qg6)* 20...Ne5 *(RR 20...Ne7)* 21.Nxc7 Bg4 So,W (2757)-Dubov,D (2707) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 29 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (44) *(RR 21...b6)*;

B) 7...Nge7 8.d4 *(RR 8.b4 a6 9.a5 Ba7 10.Be3 0-0 11.Nbd2 Kh8 12.Bxa7 Rxa7 13.d4 exd4 14.Nxd4)* 8...exd4 9.Nxd4 0-0 10.Be3 Bxd4 11.Bxd4 Be6 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Be3 Kh8 14.Nd2 e5 15.Qg4 Qe8 16.Rfd1 Ng8 17.Nf1 Nf6 18.Qh4 Na5 19.f3 Ng8 20.b4 Nc4 21.Qf2 Qe6 Gkavardinas,A (2208)-Raczek,K (2443) Stockholm 2025 0-1 (91)]

7...Nf6 8.Bb3N White has an edge.

[RR 8.b4 0-0 9.Re1

A) RR 9...Ne7 10.d4 exd4 *(RR 10...Ng6 11.Bf1)* 11.cxd4 Nc6 *(RR 11...d5 12.e5 dxc4 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Nxc4)*;

B) 9...Ng4 10.Re2 Ne7 11.d4 *(RR 11.Bb3)* 11...exd4 *(RR 11...Ng6 12.Re1 c6 13.h3 Nf6 14.Bf1; RR 11...d5)* 12.cxd4 Ng6 *(RR 12...d5 13.Bb3 dxe4 14.Nxe4)* 13.h3 Nf6 14.a4 a5 15.b5 d5 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Qb3 Ndf4 18.Re4 Be6 19.Bxe6 Nxe6 20.Ba3 Re8 21.Rae1 Qd7 22.Qe3 Red8 10 Mihai,E (2189)-Egger,R (2064) corr MT/Stern/pr pr 10 2019 1/2-1/2 Porat,Y (2189)-Deutsch,L (2064) Reykjavik 2019 CYB 12 [Crusi More,R] ½-½ (65) ½-½ Mihai, E (2189)-Egger,R (2064) corr MT/ Stern/pr pr 2019]

8...a5!? A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3N**

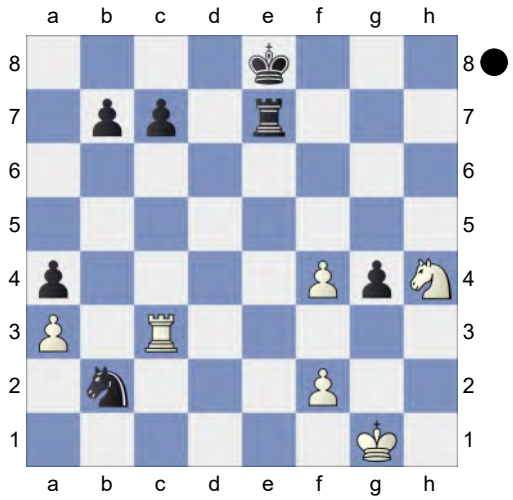
[Predecessor: 13.a4 Rf7 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 Qd7 16.Nh4 Rd8 17.Ng6 b6 18.Nd2 Qe8 19.Rg3 Achilles,E (2434) -Susedenko,V (2443) GER M/06-B email 2017 1/2-1/ 2 ½-½ Achilles,E (2434)-Susedenko,V (2443) GER M/06-B email 2017]

13...Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 0.37/22

[19...Nh5= 0.01/21]

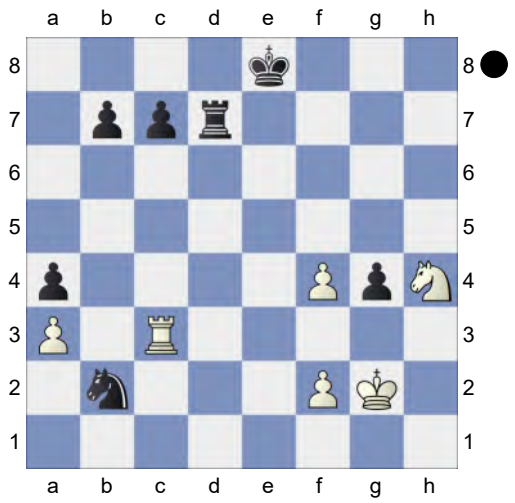
20.Nb1!± Ne4 21.Nc3 Nxc3 22.Rxc3 Qd6 23.Rac1 Rf7 0.77/21

[23...Rfe8⩲ 0.40/22]
24.R1c2 0.39/23
[24.Qd3± 0.77/21]
24...Rf4 25.Re3 Qf6 26.Rd3 0.18/21
[26.Rc5± 0.71/23]
26...Re8 0.63/21
[26...Re4= 0.18/21 might be stronger.]
27.Rc5 0.27/22
[27.Rc1⩲ 0.63/21]
27...Qd6= 28.Rcc3
[28.Qxa4? Qxc5 29.Qd1 Qd6-+]
28...Rfe4 29.g3
[29.Qxa4? Re1+ 30.Nxe1 Rxe1#]
29...Re2 30.Rd2
[30.Qxa4 is more complex. Rxb2 31.Re3 Re4 32.Qd1]
30...Rxd2 31.Qxd2 Qg6 0.72/23
[31...Qe6= 0.07/24]
32.Kg2 0.13/23
[32.Qd1!± 0.72/23]
32...Qb1! 33.Rc1 Qf5 34.Rc3 Qb1 Inhibits Qd2-d1. **35.h4 Re7 36.Rc1** 0.01/25
[36.Rc2⩲ 0.40/22 was preferrable.]
36...Qf5 37.Qd1 g5 38.hxg5
[38.Qxa4? Rf7 39.Rc3 g4-+]
38...hxg5 39.Qd2
[39.Qxa4? Rf7 40.Qd1 Qe4-+ *(40...g4? 41.Nh2-+)*]
39...g4 White is weak on the light squares **40.Nh4 Qe4+ 41.Kh2?** -1.95/23
[41.Kg1= -0.07/23 and White has nothing to worry.]
41...Qxd4-+
[41...Nxd4 42.Qg5+ Kf7 43.Rc3=]
42.Qg5+ Rg7 43.Qf5 Rf7↑ Skewer. Black has strong initiative.
44.Qg5+ Kf8! 45.Kh1 Qe4+
[45...Rxf2 46.Re1 Qf6 *(46...Rxb2 47.Qf5+)* 47.Qxg4=]
[45...Qxf2 46.Qxg4 Ne7 *(46...Qxb2? 47.Ng6+ Kg7 48.Re1+-)* 47.Qd7∓]
46.Kg1 Ke8! 47.Qd2 -2.23/23
[47.Qg8+∓ -1.50/23 Rf8 48.Qg6+ Qxg6 49.Nxg6]
47...Re7! 48.Rd1 d4 49.Qg5 Ne5 50.Qd2? -3.67/22
[50.Qf4 -1.89/24 Qxf4 51.gxf4]
50...d3 51.Qf4 Qxf4 -1.36/22
[51...Nc4-+ -2.82/22 is more deadly. 52.Qxe4 Remove Defender Rxe4 53.Rxd3 Nxb2]
52.gxf4 Endgame. KRN-KRN **52...Nc4 53.Rxd3 Nxb2 54.Rc3**



Rd7! Hoping for ...Nb2-d3. **55.Kg2** -2.53/21
[55.Ng2∓ -1.34/21]

(Diagram)

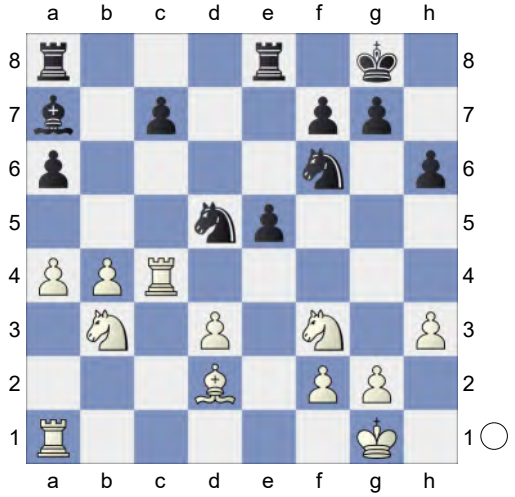


55...Nd3! 56.Kg3 c5 Threatens to win with ...b7-b5. **57.Kxg4?** -4.84/21
[57.Ng6 -2.55/22 keeps fighting.]
57...b5!
[57...Nxf2+ 58.Kf3 Nd3 59.Ke3=]
58.Nf5 Kf7 Strongly threatening ... b5-b4! Strongly threatening ...b5-b4!
[58...Nxf2+ 59.Kf3 Nd3 60.Ke3∓]
59.Kg5 Rd5 ... b5-b4! would now be deadly. ...b5-b4! would now be deadly.
60.Rc2 Ne1? -0.61/25 **61.Rc3** -1.16/24 **Nd3** 0.01/19 Black is more active.
[61...c4∓ -1.16/24 62.Kg4 Rd8]
62.Rc2!= b4-+ -5.15/21 Black is clearly winning. **63.axb4 cxb4** aiming for ...b4-b3. **64.Rc7+ Ke8 65.Kf6** Nf5-g7+ would kill now. **65...Kd8**
[65...Nxf2 66.Ng7+ Kd8 67.Ne6+ Ke8 68.Re7#]
66.Ra7 b3 And now ...b3-b2 would win.
[66...Nxf2 67.Rxa4 Rb5 68.Ra8+ Kc7 69.Nd4 Rb6+ 70.Kf5=]
67.Ne3 Rd6+ 68.Kf5 b2
[68...Nxf2 69.Rxa4 Nd3 70.Ra3∓]
69.Rb7 Rd4
[69...Nxf2 70.Rxb2 Nd3 71.Rd2∓]
70.Nc2 Rxf4+
[70...Nxf2? perishes. 71.Nxd4 Nd3 72.Nc2+-]
71.Kg5 Rxf2
[71...Nxf2? too greedy. 72.Kxf4 Kc8 73.Rb5+- *(73.Rxb2 Nd3+ 74.Ke3 Nxb2=)*]
72.Na3 Rf1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/Black=0.30
0-1

159 **C50**
□ **Caruana,F.** **2784**
■ **Gukesh,D.** **2776**
12th Sinquefield Cup (9.2) 27.08.2025
[Kitty Kat]

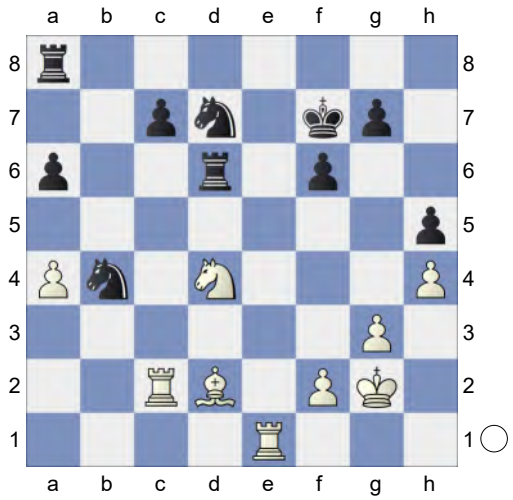
C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 a6 7.a4 Ba7 8.h3 Qe7N**
[8...0-0 9.Nbd2 *(9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 g5 11.Nxg5 hxg5 12.Bxg5 Kg7 13.Qf3 Rh8 14.Nd2 Kg6 15.Be3 Kg7 16.Bg5 Kg6 17.Be3 Kg7 18.Rae1 Be6 19.Qg3+ Kf8 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.Bxa7 Rxa7 22.f4 Rg8 23.Qh4 Rg6* 1-0 Nepomniachtchi,I (2767)-Fressinet,L (2672) World Rapid 2016 (5.14)*)* 9...Kh8 10.Re1 Ng8 11.Nf1 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Be3 Qf6 14.N1h2 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 Nge7 Italian Game-4.0-0 2018]
[8...h6 9.Nbd2 g5 10.Re1 g4 11.hxg4 Nxg4 12.Re2 Qf6 13.Nf1 Rg8 14.Rc2 Bd7 15.b4 Qg6 16.Be3 Nxe3 17.fxe3 a5 18.Rf2 Rg7 19.Qb3 0-0-0 20.Bd5 Ne7 21.Rb1 Nxd5 22.bxa5 Nb6 23.axb6 1-0 13.b3 ♗f8 14. ♗b2 (2133)-Martinez Catalan,F (2358) FRA-chT Top 16 GpA 2006 (6)]
9.b4 White has an edge. **9...Be6 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.Re1 Rfe8 12.Qb3 h6 13.Bxe6 Qxe6 14.Qxe6 Rxe6 15.Nb3 Ree8 16.Bd2 b5 17.Rec1 Ne7 18.c4**

bxc4 19.Rxc4 d5 0.73/23
[19...c6± 0.31/21 deserves consideration.]
20.exd5± White is more active.
[20.Rxc7 dxe4 21.dxe4 *(21.Nxe5? Ned5∓)* 21...Nxe4±]
20...Nexd5



21.Re1! Nd7 22.g3 f6 23.Kg2 Red8 24.d4 exd4 25.Nbxd4
[25.Nfxd4 Ne5 26.Rc2 Bxd4 27.Nxd4 Nxb4 28.Bxb4 Rxd4=]
25...Bxd4
[Much worse is 25...N7b6 26.Rc2±]
26.Rxd4
[26.Nxd4 Ne5 27.Rc2 Nxb4 28.Bxb4 Rxd4=]
26...Nf8 27.h4 h5 Black is weak on the dark squares **28.Rc4 Rd6 29.Rc5 Kf7 30.Nd4 Nd7 31.Rc2** Nf5 is the strong threat. **31...Nxb4!**

(Diagram)



Discovered Attack. The position is equal.
32.Bxb4
[32.Rxc7 Rxd4 33.Bxb4 Rxb4]
32...Rxd4 33.Re7+ Kg6 34.Rxc7 Rxb4 35.Rexd7= Endgame KRR-KRR **35...Rg8 36.Ra7 Rxa4 37.Rd6 Ra3 38.Rdxa6 Rxa6 39.Rxa6** KR-KR **39...Re8 40.Ra7 Kh6 41.Ra5 Kg6 42.Ra7 Kh6 43.Ra5 Kg6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) / Black=0.04 (flawless) **44.Ra7**
½-½

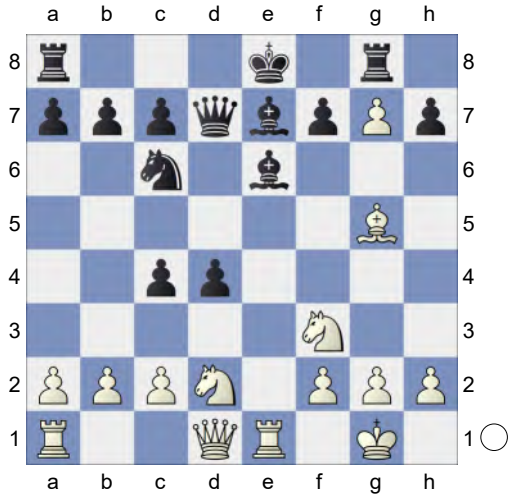
160 **C55**
□ **Drvitman** **2784**
■ **tirakhtor** **2740**
Blitz 30.12.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C56: Two Knights: 4 d4 exd4 5 0-0 Nxe4 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 exd4N**
[5...Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4
A) 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Be6 *(9...Qe7 10.Kh1 Be6 11.Bd3 0-0-0 12.Qe1 h6 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Nc3 Rhg8 15.Qf2 Qd6 16.Qxf6 Rg6 17.Qf2 Rdg8 18.Rg1 h5 19.Nd1 Rg4 20.Ne3 Rf4 21.Qd2*

h4 22.Rgf1 h3 23.g3 Rxf1+ 24.Rxf1 ½-½ Voboril,P-MainSlav/125...Bf5 London International 1876 (1) *)* 10.Na3 Qe7 *(10...Bxc4 11.Nxc4 Nc6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Ne3 Qd4 14.Qxd4 Nxd4 15.Rxf6 Rd8 16.Raf1 0-0 17.Ng4 Nc6 18.R6f5 f6 19.Nxf6+ Kh8 20.Nd5 Rxf5 21.Rxf5 Rd7 22.c3 Kg7 23.b4 h6 24.Kf2 Ne7 25.Rxe5* 1-0 N,N (2521)-12. ♘e2 ♖c8 13. b4_18566 (2226) Polska (ch) 117/(75) 2013 (1)*)* 11.c3 Bxc4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxc4 Ne6 14.Ne3 Qc5 15.Qe1 0-0-0 16.Kh1 Nf4 17.g3 Rd3 18.Nf5 Ne6 19.Qe2 Rhd8 20.Nd4 R3xd4 21.cxd4 exd4 0-1 Movsesian,S (2723)-Leko,P (2741) Moscow Tal Memorial Blitz 2008 (25);

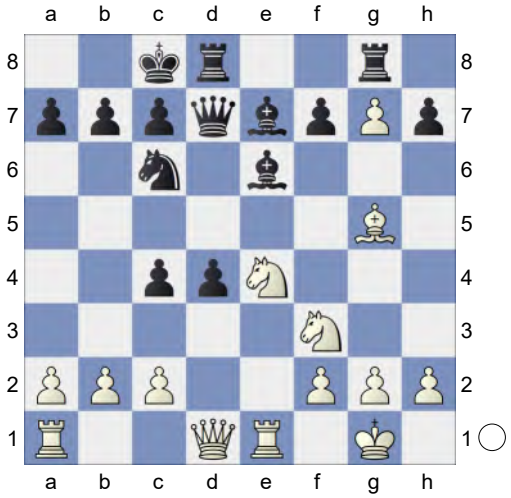
B) 7.Bg5 d6 8.f4 Ne6 9.fxe5 dxe5 10.Qxd8+ Nxd8 11.Nc3 c6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Rxf6 Ke7 14.Raf1 Rf8 15.Rh6 Rh8 16.Rh5 b5 17.Bb3 f6 18.Rh6 a5 19.a4 b4 20.Nd1 1-0 Margolis,A (2305)-Podolskyi,M (1874) Dubai op 2001 (7)]

6.e5 d5 7.exf6 dxc4 8.Re1+ Be6 9.fxg7 Rg8 10.Bg5 Qd7 11.Nbd2 Be7



12.Ne4! 0-0-0 1.18/20

[Black should try 12...Rxg7 0.73/18 13.Bxe7 Kxe7]



13.Nf6!± White is more active.

[Stronger than 13.Bf6 Bd5 14.Bxe7 *(14.Bxd4 f5∓)* 14...Qxe7∓]

13...Bxf6 14.Bxf6 And now Ne5! would win. **14...Bd5?** 3.36/23 **15.Bxd8 Qxd8 16.Nxd4 Bxg2?** 4.60/20

[16...Rxg7 2.77/20 17.g3 Rg8 18.Nxc6 Bxc6 19.Qxd8+ Rxd8]

17.Qg4++- Kb8 18.Kxg2 Nxd4 5.14/18

[18...Qxd4 3.46/17 was worth a try. 19.Qxd4 Nxd4]

19.Rad1 c5 20.Qf4+ Qc7 21.Qxc7+ Remove Defender **21...Kxc7** Endgame KRR-KRN **22.Re7+ Kc6 23.Rxf7 Ne6 24.Kh1 Nxg7 25.Rg1 Rd8 26.Rgxg7 Rd2 27.Rc7+ Kb5 28.Rxb7+ Ka4 29.Rxa7+ Kb5 30.Rgb7+ Kc6 31.Rc7+ Kb6 32.Rab7+ Ka6 33.Rb8 Rxc2 34.Rxc5 h5 35.Rxh5** Threatening mate with Rh3. **35...Rxf2 36.Rh6+** 16.33/25

[⌓36.Rh3 #16/23 Ka7 37.Rb4 *(37.Kg1 Rxh2 38.Kxh2 Kxb8+-)* 37...c3 38.Rxc3 *(38.bxc3 Rf1+ 39.Kg2 Rf5+-; 38.Ra4+ Kb6+-)* 38...Rf6 39.Ra3+ Ra6 40.h4

(40.Rxa6+ Kxa6 41.h4 Ka5 42.Rb3 Ka6 43.h5 Ka7 44.h6 Ka6 45.h7 Ka7 46.h8Q Ka6 47.Qa8#) 40...Rxa3 41.bxa3]

36...Ka7 37.Rb4 Rc2 38.Rh3 White mates. **38...c3 39.Rxc3 Rxb2** Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/Black=0.80 **40.Ra3#**

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161 **C54**

□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2782**

■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2744**

Zagreb SuperUnited Rapid (7) 07.07.23

[Mon hokmome]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 Let us see a well played game in the same Be6, fxe6 structure. **1.e4** Kitty Kat **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 a6 7.a4!** outshines the older 7. Bb3. erfolgreicher als das alte 7.Lb3. outshines the older 7.Bb3. erfolgreicher als das alte 7.Lb3. **7...Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3** White is slightly better. **9...h6 10.b4 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Re1 Ne7**

[12...Nh5 13.Ra2 Nf4 14.Nc4 b5 15.Ne3 Qd7 16.Ng4 Rae8 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.fxe3 Ng6 19.h4 Qe7 20.g3 Rf7 21.Rf1 Nf8 22.axb5 axb5 23.d4 exd4 24.exd4 Nd8 25.Qd3 Qd7 26.e5 d5 27.Ra5 Mu,K (2715)-7.♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7 (2535) Uxbridge 108/ (288) 2018 Sicilian Sveshnikov MBM [Leykekhman,D] 1-0 (47)]

13.Nf1 Ng6 14.Ng3N

[14.Ra2 Nh5 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Rxe3 Nhf4 17.d4 13) Italian 4...Bc5 5.c3 - An-Italian 4…Bc5 - Ancient Be6 Qf6 18.Kh2 exd4 19.cxd4 e5 20.d5 c6 21.g3 cxd5 22.gxf4 d4 23.Rea3 Nxf4 24.Ne1 d5 25.Ng3 Rac8 26.Ng2 Kh8 27.Qg4 d3 28.Nxf4 exf4 29.Nh5 Qg5 30.Rxd3 dxe4 31.Rd6 Qxg4 32.hxg4 Model Games-Carlsen,M (37)]

[14.N1h2 Qd7 15.g3 c5 16.Be3 cxb4 17.Bxa7 Rxa7 18.cxb4 b5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Rxa7 Qxa7 21.Qb3 Qd7 22.Kg2 6. Italian 6...a6 − 10...Be- Italian 6...a6 − 10...Be6 â]

[RR 14.N1h2 Rf7

A) RR 15.Ra2 d5 *(RR 15...Qd7)* 16.Qb3 c5 *(RR 16...Qe7)* 17.bxc5 Bxc5 18.d4 *(RR 18.exd5 Nxd5 19.Rc2)* 18...Ba7 *(RR 18...dxe4 19.dxc5 exf3)* 19.exd5 Nxd5 20.Nxe5 *(RR 20.c4 Nf6 21.dxe5)* 20...Nxe5 21.Rxe5 Nxc3;

B) 15.g3 d5 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Qd6 18.Qb3 a5 19.bxa5 Nd7 20.d4 *(RR 20.Qxb7 Rb8 21.Qa7 c5;* RR *20.Rae1)* 20...Raf8 *(RR 20...dxe4 21.Rxe4 Qc6)* 21.Rd1 *(RR 21.Qxb7 Rb8 22.Qa7 c5;* RR *21.Rae1)* 21...dxe4

B1) RR 22.Rxe4 Rxf3 23.Nxf3 Rxf3 24.dxe5 *(RR 24.Qxb7 Nc5)*;

B2) 22.Nxe5 Ndxe5 *(RR 22...Ngxe5 23.dxe5 Qxe5)* 23.dxe5 Qc6 24.Qb5 Qxb5 25.axb5 Rxf2 26.Rxe4 Ra2 27.b6 cxb6 28.axb6 Rff2 Saric,I (2659)-Keymer,V (2721) Budva 2023 Mega2024 Update 03 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (67)]

14...d5 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Rxe3 c6N

[Predecessor: 16...a5 17.Qb3 c6 18.Rae1 -0.18/17 *(18.bxa5* 0.28/20 deserves consideration. *Qxa5 19.Ree1)* 18...axb4= 19.cxb4

A) 19...d4!? 20.R3e2 *(20.Qxe6+ Kh7∓)* 20...Nd7∓;
B) 19...Kh8 20.d4 exd4 21.Nxd4 Nf4 22.e5 Nd7 ½-½ Liang,J (2530)-Chandra,A (2468) Saint Louis Spring-B 2023 (7)]

17.Qc2 a5 18.Rb1 -0.15/20
[18.d4 0.19/19 was preferrable.]

18...axb4= 19.cxb4 d4 20.Ree1 Nh7 21.Qd1 -0.70/23
[⌓21.Qb3 -0.35/21 Ng5 22.Nh2 *(22.Nxg5 Qxg5 23.Rb2 h5∓)*]

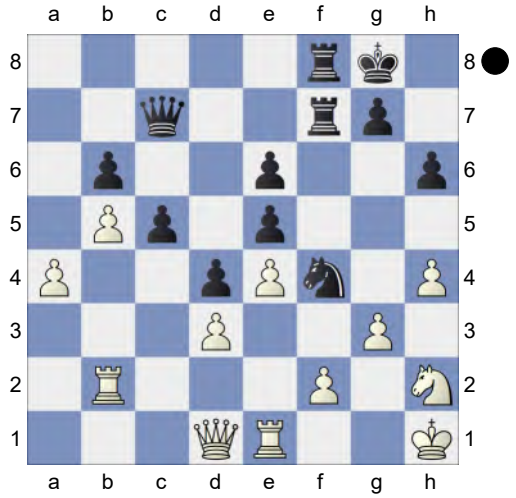
21...Rf7 -0.20/18
[21...Ng5∓ -0.70/23 22.Nh2 Nf4]

22.Nf1 Ng5 23.N1h2 Nxf3+ 24.Nxf3 Qe7 aiming for ...Ra8-f8. **25.Rb2 Raf8 26.Nh2 Nf4 27.Kh1 c5** -0.10/21
[27...b5!∓ -0.59/18 is more appropriate. 28.axb5 *(28.Ng4 h5∓)* 28...cxb5]

28.b5
[28.Ng4 cxb4 29.Rg1 Qd6∓]

28...b6 29.h4 Qc7 -0.01/21
[Don't play 29...Qxh4 30.g3 Qh3 31.gxf4±]
[29...Ng6!∓ -0.62/20 30.Qg4 Nxh4]

30.g3 -0.38/20
[30.a5= -0.01/21]

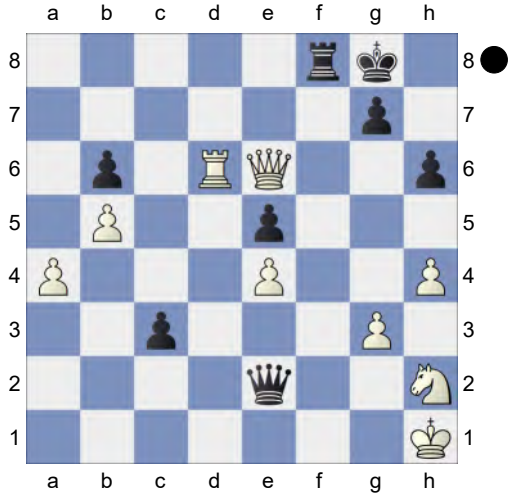


30...Nxd3!∓ 31.Qxd3 Qd3-c4 is the strong threat. **31...c4 32.Qf1 d3 33.Rd2 c3**
[33...Qc5!? 34.f3 Rd7=]

34.Rxd3 Black must now prevent f2-f3.

34...Rxf2 35.Qh3 Qc4 36.Rd6 -1.35/26
[36.g4!= -0.18/25 c2 37.Rc3]

36...Re2!∓ 37.Rxe2 Qxe2 38.Qxe6+



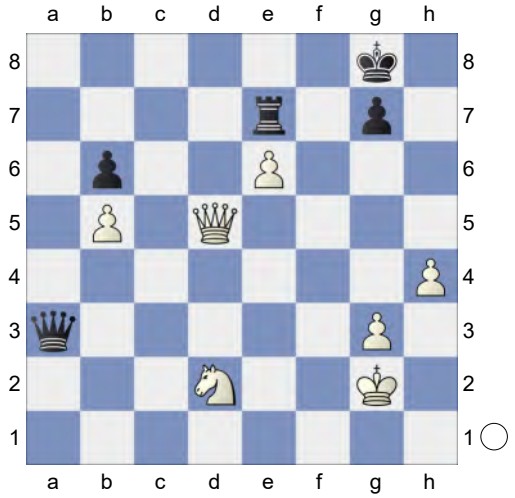
Kh8 0.01/26
[38...Kh7!∓ -1.29/28 39.Qg6+ *(39.Rxb6? Qxe4+ 40.Kg1 c2-+)* 39...Kh8]

39.Qxe5= c2!
[39...Qe1+? 40.Kg2 Kh7 41.Rd7 Qf2+ 42.Kh3+-]

40.Rxh6+! Kg8⇄ Black puts up resistance **41.Qd5+ Rf7 42.Rc6 Qd1+ 43.Kg2** White wants to mate with Rc6-c8+. **43...c1Q 44.Rxc1** The board is on fire. **44...Qxc1** Endgame KQR-KQN **45.Nf3 Qc2+ 46.Nd2 Qxa4 47.e5** Hoping for e5-e6. **47...Qa3?** 4.03/25 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[47...Qd1= -0.01/25]

48.e6+- Re7

(Diagram)



49.Ne4 Prevents Qa3-c5. **49...Qb2+ 50.Kh3** Qd5-d8+ would kill now. **50...Qe2 51.Qd8+ Kh7 52.Qxe7** Intending Ne4-g5+ and mate.

[Weaker is 52.Ng5+ Kg6=]

52...Qxe4 KQ-KQ **53.Qf7 Qh1+ 54.Kg4** And now Qf7-f5+ would win. **54...Qe4+ 55.Kg5** White threatens Qf7-f5+ and mate. **55...Qe3+ 56.Qf4 Qa3 57.Qe4+** White mates. **57...Kg8 58.e7 Qxg3+ 59.Kh5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.42

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162 **C54**

□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2782**

■ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu**

FIDE World Cup (7.3) 21.08.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 h6 6.0-0 d6 7.Re1!** 7.Re1 is better than 7.Nbd2. 7.Te1 ist besser als 7.Sbd2. **7...0-0 8.h3 a6 9.a4 Ba7 10.Nbd2 Ne7**

[10...Nh5 11.Nf1 Qf6 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Nxe3 Nf4 14.Kh2 Be6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Rf1 g5 17.Ng1 Rae8 18.b4 Ne7 19.b5 a5 20.b6 cxb6 21.Rb1 Nc8 22.Nc4 Qd8 23.g3 Ng6 24.Qb3 Qc7 25.Kg2 1-0 Donchenko,A (2676)-Heimann,A (2552) EU-Cup 38th Durres 2023 (5.1)]

11.Bb3N

[11.d4 Ng6 12.Bf1 c6 13.Qc2 Qc7 14.a5 Re8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Rad8 19.Ree1 Rd7 20.Ne3 Rdd8 21.Rab1 Nf4 22.b4 Bc8 23.Rb2 Ne6 24.Nd2 Ng5 25.h4 Ne6 ½-½ Maldonado Gonzales,S (2092)-Nielsen,V (2388) Bassano del Grappa Vergani Cup 2023 (2) 26.g3 Qe7 27.Nf5 Qf8 28.Nf3 Nc7 29.Ne3 Ng4 30.Nxg4 Bxg4 31.Nd2 g5 32.hxg5 hxg5 33.Nc4 Qh6 34.Ne3 Bc8 35.Bg2 Nb5 36.Rbb1 Qf6 37.Kf1 Be6 38.Rbd1 Qe7 39.Qb2 Rxd1 40.Rxd1 Rd8 ½-½ Stoll,J (2092)-Sokolow,J (2388) World Championship Match, 10th Game 31 (2)]

11...Ng6 12.Nf1 c6 13.Ng3 d5 14.Be3 Bb8 15.Bc2 Re8 16.a5 Bc7 17.b4 Be6 18.Bd2N

[Vorgänger: 18.Qe2 Qd7 19.Rad1 Rad8 20.Qf1 Qc8 21.Bc1 c5 22.Ba4 Rf8 Hoping for ...cxb4. 23.Bd2 Qb8 24.Rb1 -0.86/22 0-1 Bhavesh,M (2051)-Oliva Castaneda,K (2467) Barcelona Sant Marti op 21st 2019 (1) *(24.c4∓ -0.34/21)*]

18...Qc8 19.Qe2 Bd6 20.c4 dxc4 21.dxc4 Nf4 0.47/23

[21...c5= 0.01/24]

22.Qf1!⩲ c5 23.b5 axb5 24.cxb5 c4 25.Bc3 0.11/21

[25.Red1⩲ 0.50/21]

25...Bd7 0.78/21

[25...Nd7!= 0.11/21 remains equal.]

26.Red1⩲ Qc5 27.Rab1 0.27/22

[27.b6± 0.86/20]

27...Bf8=

[27...Bxb5? 28.Bb4 Qxb4 29.Rxb4 Bxb4 30.Rb1+-]

28.b6! g6 0.73/20

[28...Rxa5± 0.37/20 29.Bb4 *(29.Bxa5 Qxa5 30.Ne2 Nxe2+ 31.Qxe2 c3=)* 29...Qxb4 30.Rxb4 Bxb4]

29.Qe1± Bg7 1.71/21

[29...h5!± 0.63/21]

30.Qd2 0.94/21

[30.Ne2+- 1.71/21 and Nxf4 would now be decisive Nd3 31.Bxd3 cxd3 32.Rxd3]

30...Rad8? 3.52/20

[30...h5± 0.94/21 is a better defense.]

31.Qd6? 1.27/24

[31.Nxe5+- 3.52/20 has better winning chances. Nxg2 32.Bd4 *(32.Kxg2 Bxh3+* Discovered Attack *33.Kxh3 Rxd2=)*]

31...Qxd6 32.Rxd6 N6h5 33.Nxh5 Ne2+ 34.Kf1! Nxc3 35.Nxg7 Kxg7 36.Ra1 Bb5 37.Rxd8 Rxd8 38.Ke1 0.37/24

[38.Nxe5? Rd2 39.Nxf7 *(39.Rc1? Na2-+)* 39...Kxf7-+]

[38.Ra3± 1.08/26 Nb1 39.Ra1 *(39.Bxb1 Rd1+ 40.Ke2 Rxb1±)* 39...Nd2+ 40.Ke1 Nxf3+ 41.gxf3]

38...Ba6 1.04/21

[38...f5!± 0.37/24]

39.Nxe5 Re8 1.68/20

[39...g5± 1.02/19]

40.Kd2? 0.09/20

[40.f4+- 1.68/20]

40...Nxe4+= 41.Bxe4 Rxe5 Endgame KRB-KRB **42.Bf3 Rb5 43.Kc3 Rb3+** 1.52/26

[43...Kf6!= 0.24/21]

44.Kd4± White is more active. **44...Kf6** 1.58/22

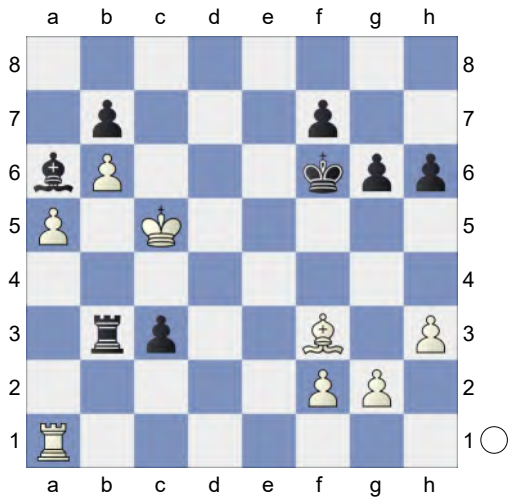
[Better is 44...Kf8 1.17/25]

45.Kc5 0.25/19

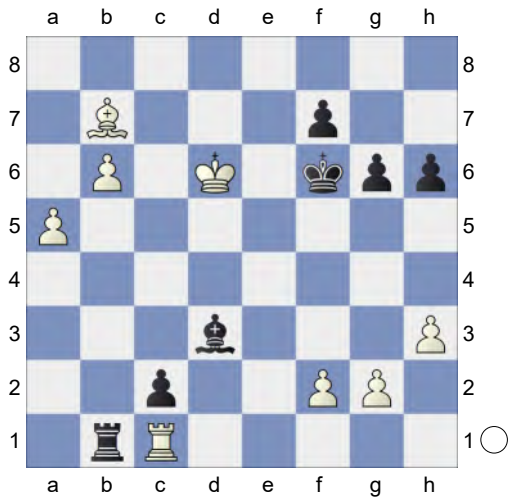
[45.Ra4± 1.58/22]

45...c3 5.26/25

[45...Ke7!= 0.25/19 and Black has nothing to worry.]



46.Kd6!+- c2 47.Rc1 Bd3 48.Bxb7 Rb1

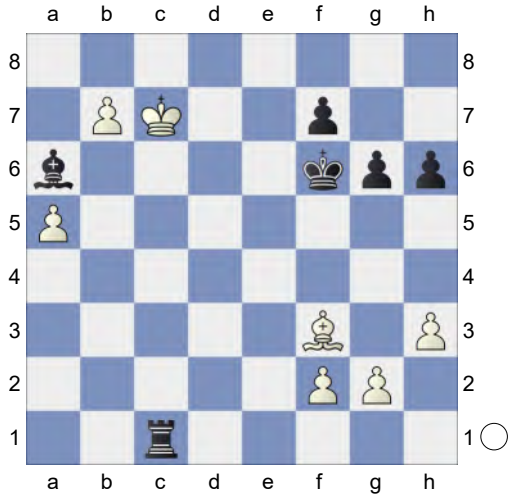


49.Rxc2 Bxc2 50.Bf3 Bd3 51.b7 Ba6 6.52/24

[⌓51...g5 4.61/22 52.Kc7 Ke6]

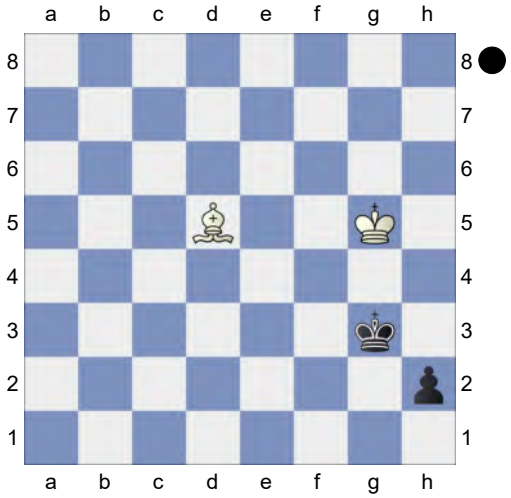
52.Kc7 Rc1+

(Diagram)



53.Bc6! Bxb7 54.Kxb7 KR-KB
54...Rc2 55.f4 0.01/29
[White should try 55.a6+- 6.21/26 Rb2+ 56.Kc7 Rxf2 *(56...Ra2? 57.Kb6+-)* 57.a7]
55...Kf5 56.a6 Rb2+ 57.Kc7 Ra2! 58.Kb6 Kxf4
[58...Rb2+? 59.Ka5 Ra2+ 60.Ba4± *(60.Kb6 Kxf4 61.a7 g5±)*]
59.Bd5 Rxa6+ 0.01/22 **60.Kxa6±** KB-K3P **60...Kg3 61.Kb5**
[61.Bxf7 Kxg2 62.Be6 *(62.Bxg6 Kxh3 63.Be4 h5=)* 62...Kg3±]
61...f5 62.Kc5 g5! 63.Kd4 g4! 64.hxg4 fxg4= KB-KPP **65.Ke5 h5 66.Kf5**
[66.Bb7!?]
66...h4 67.Kg5 h3 68.gxh3 gxh3 The position is equal.
[68...Kxh3!? 69.Be6 Kg2= *(69...Kh2 70.Kxg4=)*]
69.Bc6 h2 70.Bd5
[70.Bh1!?]

(Diagram)



70...h1Q! Black escapes into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.42 **71.Bxh1**
½-½

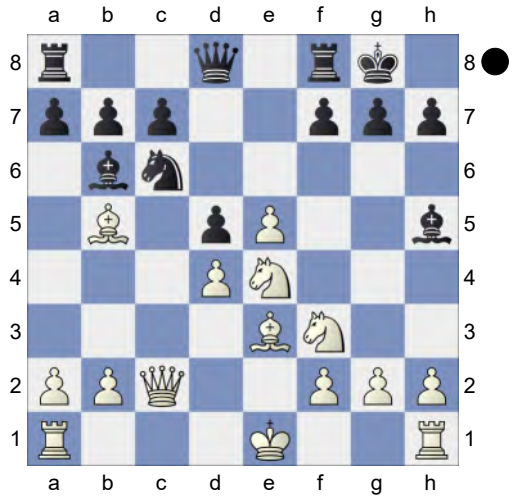
163 **C54**
□ **GeNer4tion_KiLL** **2782**
■ **Rizzfork** **2616**
Blitz 28.02.2025
[Kitty Kat,TA]

Blitz 3min C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4**
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...exd4 6.e5N
[6.0-0 dxc3 7.Nxc3 0-0 8.Bg5 d6 9.Re1 Re8 10.h3 h6 11.Bh4 a6 12.Nd5 Re6 13.Nxc7 Qxc7 14.Bxe6 Bxe6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qd2 Bb4 17.Qxh6 Bxe1 18.Rxe1 Qe7 19.Qh4 Nb4 20.e5 Nc2 1-0 4.♘g5 ♗c5 / 4...

d5 5.ed5-Mecking 31/643 London 1980 (11) 21.Re2 Rc8 22.exf6 Qf8 23.Qg5+ Kh8 24.Qh5+ Kg8 25.Ng5 Bf5 26.Nxf7 Bh7 27.Qg5+ Kxf7 28.Re7+ Qxe7 29.fxe7 Nd4 30.Qd5+ Ne6 31.Qxb7 Rc1+ 32.Kh2 Bg6 33.Qd7 Kf6 34.Qxd6 a5 35.f4 Bh5 1-0 4.♘g5 ♗c5 / 4...d5 5.ed5 d-Mecking 31/643 London 1980 (11) 36.f5 Kxf5 37.g4+ Kg5 38.gxh5 Rc2+ 39.Kg1 Rc1+ 40.Kf2 Rc2+ 41.Ke3 Rc1 42.Qd2 Rc8 43.Qd7 Rc1 44.e8Q Re1+ 45.Kd2 Nc5 46.Qg6+ Kf4 47.Qdf5# 1-0 Snijders, P-Wigboldus,D Hengelo U12 op 2002 (11)]

6...d5 7.Bb5 Ne4 8.cxd4 Bb6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Be3 Bg4 11.Qc2 Bh5 12.Nxe4 -0.74/21

[12.Bxc6= 0.10/20 bxc6 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Qxe4]



12...Bg6 0.67/21

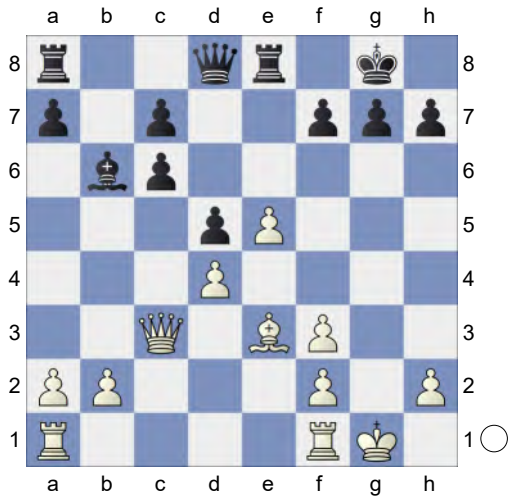
[12...Nb4!∓ -0.74/21 13.Nf6+ gxf6 *(13...Qxf6 14.Qd2∓)*]

13.Bxc6± Bxe4 14.Qc3 bxc6 15.0-0 -0.09/22

[15.a4± 0.58/21]

15...Bxf3= 16.gxf3 Re8? 1.50/20

[16...Qh4= -0.11/22]



17.f4 1.00/22

[17.Qxc6?! Qh4=]

[⌓17.Kh1! 1.50/20]

17...Qh4 18.Kh1 Qh3 19.Rg1 Re6 1.68/20

[19...Qf3+± 1.26/21 20.Rg2 Re6]

20.Rg3+- Qf5 21.Rag1 Rg6 22.Rxg6 0.83/21

[22.Rc1+- 1.64/22]

22...hxg6± 23.Rg5 0.24/22

[23.Rg3± 0.96/20]

23...Qe4+= 24.Kg1 Qb1+ 0.92/21

[24...Rb8± 0.42/20]

25.Kg2± Hoping for f5. **25...Qxa2?** 4.80/24

[25...Rd8!± 0.67/19]

26.Qxc6+- Rd8 10.35/24

[⌓26...Rf8 4.19/21 27.e6 Qb1]

27.e6 Qb1 28.exf7+ Kxf7 29.Re5

[29.Rxd5? Qe4+ 30.Kg3 Qxd5-+ *(30...Rxd5? 31.Qc1-+)*]

29...Kg8 30.Qe6+

[30.Rxd5? Qe4+ 31.f3 Qxd5-+]

30...Kh7 31.f5? 1.93/25

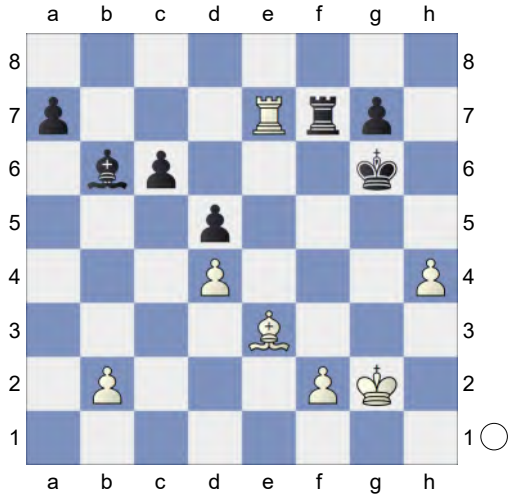
[31.Rxd5 Rxd5 32.Qxd5 Qxb2=]

[31.Qe7 10.01/23 Intending Qh4+ and mate. Rb8 32.Rxd5]

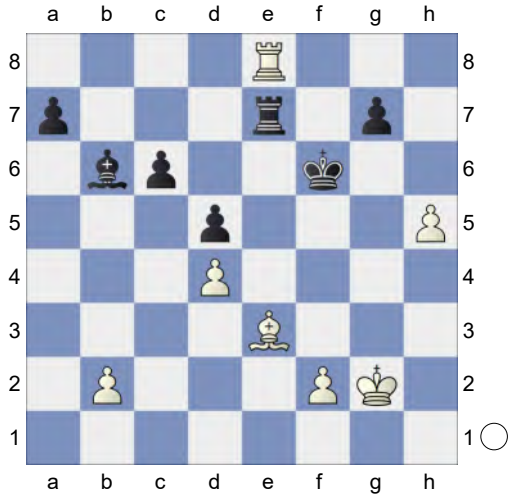
31...gxf5? 10.01/25

[31...Rd6 1.93/25]

32.Qf7
[32.Rxd5 Rxd5 33.Qxd5 Qc2=]
[32.Rxf5 Qe4+ 33.Qxe4 dxe4=]
[32.Qxf5+ Qxf5 33.Rxf5 Kg6 34.Rg5+ Kf7=]
32...Rd6 33.Qxf5+? -0.01/25
[33.Rxf5 Rg6+ *(33...Qxb2 34.Rh5+)* 34.Rg5 Qe4+ 35.f3 Qe6= *(35...Qxe3 36.Qxg6+ Kh8 37.Qxg7#)*]
[33.Qh5++- 31.45/30 Rh6 34.Bxh6 Qe4+ 35.Rxe4 dxe4 36.Bf4+ *(36.Qxf5+ Kxh6 37.h4 g6+-)* 36...Kg8 37.Qe8+ *(37.Qxf5 a6+-)* 37...Kh7 38.Qd7 *(38.Qh5+ Kg8+-)*]
33...Qxf5=
[33...Rg6+ is more complex. 34.Kf3 Qxf5+ 35.Rxf5 c6]
34.Rxf5+- Endgame KRB-KRB **34...c6 35.Rf7 Kg6 36.Rb7 Rf6 37.h4 Rf7 38.Rb8 Kf5** ...Ke4 is the strong threat. **39.Re8 Rf6 40.Re5+ Kg6 41.Re7 Rf7** 1.47/29
[41...Bd8= 0.01/24 42.Rxa7 Re6]



42.h5+!± Kf6 43.Re8 0.30/26 White is more active.
[43.Bg5+!± 1.60/28 Kxg5 44.Rxf7]
43...Re7 1.45/30
[43...Rd7= 0.30/26 remains equal.]

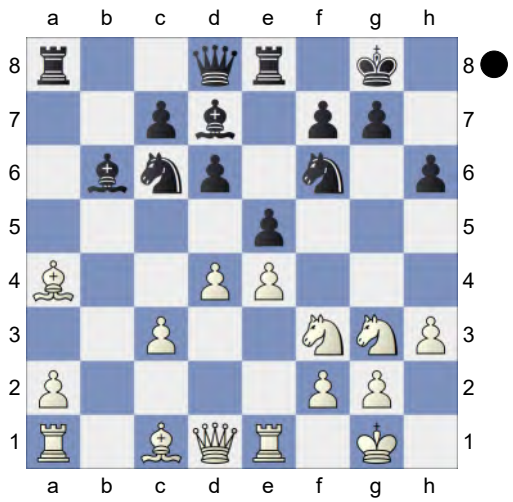


44.Bg5+! Deflection **44...Kxg5 45.Rxe7 Bxd4** KR-KB **46.b3 Kxh5 47.Re6 c5** 2.92/32
[47...Kg4 1.69/29 48.Rxc6 Kf4]
48.Rd6+- Kg4 49.Rxd5 Kf4 50.Rd7 Ke4? 5.20/28
[50...a5 2.50/28 was called for. 51.Kf1 g5]
51.Rxa7 Kd3 52.Rb7 Kc3 53.f4 Be3 54.Kf3
[Stronger than 54.Rxg7 Bxf4 55.Kf3 Bd6=]
54...Bc1 55.Ke4 Ba3 56.f5 Bb4 57.Rxg7 Kxb3 58.Rg2 15.93/25
[⌓58.f6 #19/26 Kc3 59.Rg3+ Kc2 60.Kd5 *(60.f7 c4+-)* 60...c4 61.Kxc4 Bd6 62.f7 Bf8 63.Rg8]
58...c4 59.f6 c3 60.Kd3 Bf8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=1.19 **61.f7**
1-0

164 **C50**
□ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2779**
■ **Caruana,F.** **2784**
12th Sinquefield Cup TB blitz (1) 27.8.25
[Kitty Kat]

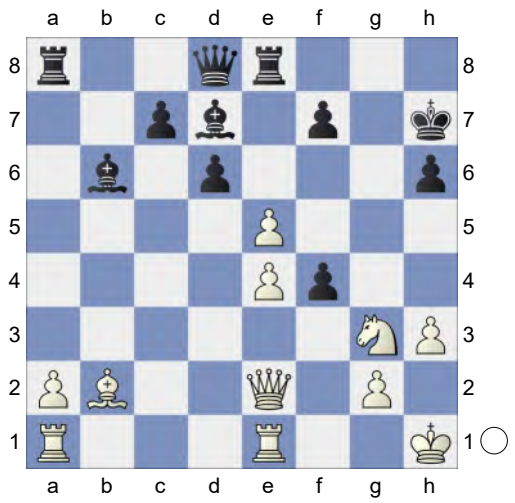
C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.c3 Nf6N**
[5...Bb6 6.0-0 *(6.a4 Nf6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3* #1 2) Italian - Fast & Furious-3...Bc5 4.d3 d6*)* 6...h6 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Bb3 a5 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 20.Nb1 0-1 Firouzja,A (2785)-Pultinevicius,P (2561) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early blitz 2022 (4) Ne4 21.Nc3 Nxc3 22.Rxc3 Qd6 23.Rac1 Rf7 24.R1c2 Rf4 25.Re3 Qf6 26.Rd3 Re8 27.Rc5 Qd6 28.Rcc3 Rfe4 29.g3 Re2 30.Rd2 Rxd2 31.Qxd2 Qg6 32.Kg2 Qb1 33.Rc1 Qf5 34.Rc3 Qb1 35.h4 0-1 Firouzja,A (2785)-So,W (2760) Bucharest Superbet Classic 3rd 2023 (1)]
6.0-0 h6 7.Nbd2 a5 8.Bb3 0-0 9.h3 b5 The position is equal. **10.Re1 a4 11.Bc2 Re8 12.Nf1 Bb6** 0.48/22
[12...d5= -0.19/22]
13.d4⩲ Bd7 14.Ng3 Na5 15.b3 Nc6 0.77/19
[15...axb3= 0.29/25 16.axb3 Nc6 17.Rxa8 Qxa8]
16.bxa4 bxa4 17.Bxa4? -0.88/22
[17.Rb1⩲ 0.65/18]

(Diagram)



17...Nxd4!∓ 18.cxd4
[18.Bxd7 Nxf3+]
18...Bxa4 19.Qd3 exd4 20.Nxd4 Nd7 -0.20/21
[Better is 20...d5!∓ -1.09/22 21.Ndf5 dxe4 22.Qxd8 Rexd8 *(22...Raxd8 23.Be3∓)*]
21.Bb2 -0.73/20
[21.Ndf5= -0.20/21 keeps the balance.]
21...Ne5 22.Qe2 Bd7 23.Ndf5 -0.93/19
[23.a4∓ -0.57/19 is superior.]
23...Kh7 0.18/23
[23...g6!∓ -0.93/19 24.Nxh6+ Kf8 25.Bxe5 dxe5]
24.Kh1= g6 25.f4! gxf5 26.fxe5 This costs Black the game. **26...f4?** 2.28/23
[26...Qg5⩲ 0.38/24 27.Nxf5 Bxf5 28.exf5 dxe5]

(Diagram)



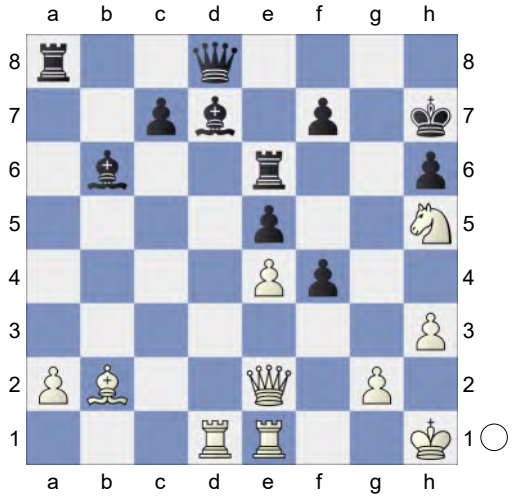
27.Nh5!+-

[27.Qh5 Be6 28.Nf5 Qg5 *(28...Bxa2 29.Qxh6+ Kg8 30.Qg7#)* 29.Qxg5 hxg5 30.exd6 cxd6∓ *(30...Rxa2 31.Rxa2 Bxa2 32.Ra1±; 30...Bxf5 31.exf5 Rxe1+ 32.Rxe1∓)*]

27...dxe5 28.Rad1→ Hoping for Rxd7!. White has strong attack. **28...Re6?** 8.02/24

[28...Rxa2? 29.Rxd7 *(29.Qc4 Be6±)* 29...Qh4 30.Rxf7+ Kg8 31.Rxf4 exf4 32.Qc4+ Kf8 33.Bg7+ *(33.Qxa2? Qxe1+ 34.Kh2 Qg1#)* 33...Ke7 34.Bf6++-]

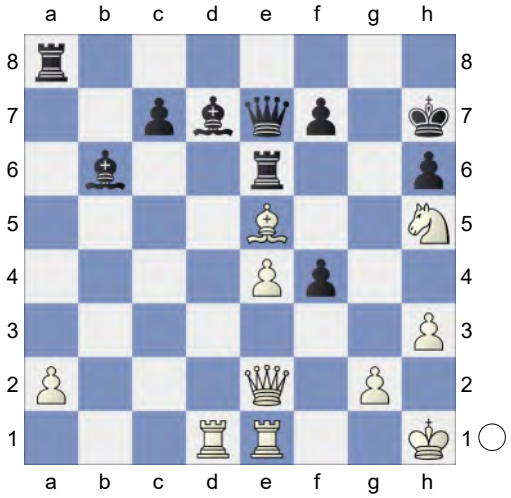
[28...Kg6 1.81/21]



29.Bxe5 3.28/27 **Qe7?** 13.39/26

[29...Rxe5 30.Rxd7 *(30.Nxf4? too greedy. Qe7-+)* 30...Qh4 31.Nxf4± *(31.Rxf7+ Kg8=)*]

[29...Qh4 3.28/27]



30.Bf6! Qe8

[30...Bb5 31.Qg4]

31.Qg4 Qg8 32.Rxd7 White wants to mate with Qf5+. **32...Rxa2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/Black=1.06 **33.Qf5+**

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165 **C54**

□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2777**

■ **So,Wesley** **2753**

Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz (2.29)

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Bg5 d6 6.c3 h6 7.Bh4 a5**

[7...a6 8.a4 Ba7 9.0-0 Qe7 *(9...g5!? 10.Bg3□ Rg8=)* 10.Nbd2 g5 11.Bg3 Nh7 12.b4 Nf8 13.d4 Strongly threatening b5. Ng6 14.b5 Na5 With the idea ...g4. 15.h3 h5! ½-½ Firouzja,A (2759)-So,W (2770)

Paris GCT Rapid 2021 (1)]

8.0-0 Qe7N 8...Ba7 is setting a new trend. 8...La7 setzt einen neuen Trend.

[8...Ba7 9.a4 g5 10.Bg3 Ne7 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Ng6 13.d4 Nh5 14.dxe5 Nxg3 15.hxg3 dxe5 16.Rad1 g4 17.Nh2 Qg5 18.Rfe1 Kg7 19.Re2 h5 20.Ndf1 h4 21.Rd3 hxg3 22.Rxg3 Nf4 23.Nxg4 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2688)-Harikrishna,P (2720) Olympiad-44 Chennai 2022 (6.1) Bxg4 24.Ne3 Bxe3 25.Rexe3 Ng6 26.Be2 Be6 27.Qb5 Qf4 28.Qc5 Rh8 29.Qxc7 Rh6 30.Bf3 Rc8 31.Qxa5 Rch8 32.Kf1 Rh1+ 33.Ke2 Bc4+ 34.Kd2 Rf1 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2677)-Fedoseev,V (2685) Chess.com Rapid Winners 2022 (2.3)]

9.Nbd2 Bg4N 0.37/19

[Vorgänger: 9...Bb6 0.67/20 9...Bd7 -0.01 10.Bb5 Bd7 11.Nc4 Ba7 12.Bxc6 0.29/21 *(12.Re1!± 0.72/21)* 12...Bxc6 13.Nxa5 Bxf2+? 2.13/23 *(13...Bd7!= 0.30/20* and Black has nothing to worry.*)* 14.Rxf2+- Rxa5 15.Nd2? 0.14/19 *(15.Bxf6!+- 2.19/21 gxf6 16.Nh4)* 15...g5!= 16.Bg3 d5? 2.94/21 Repels Nc4 *(16...h5!= -0.03/20 17.h3 h4)* 17.b4+- Ra8 4.49/20 *(17...Ra6 2.85/20 18.a4 Bd7 19.exd5 Nxd5)* 18.Qf3 1-0 So,W (2772)-Svidler,P (2714) Saint Louis Blitz 2021 (9)]

[9...Bd7= 0.01/21 deserves consideration.]

10.Kh1 g5 11.Bg3 0-0-0 12.Bb5 0.01/19

[12.b4!± 0.41/21 axb4 13.cxb4 Nxb4 *(13...Bxb4 14.Qa4=)* 14.Nb3]

12...Bd7 0.92/20

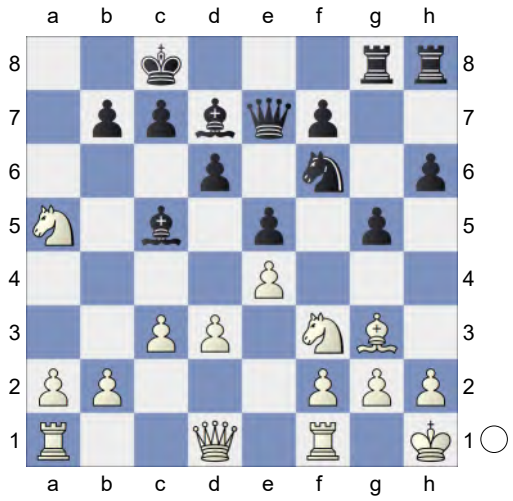
[12...Na7= 0.01/19 remains equal. 13.Qa4 Nxb5 14.Qxb5 Kb8]

13.Nc4 Rdg8 1.76/21

[13...h5!± 0.69/19]

14.Bxc6+- Bxc6 15.Nxa5 Bd7 1.93/23

[15...h5± 1.41/21]



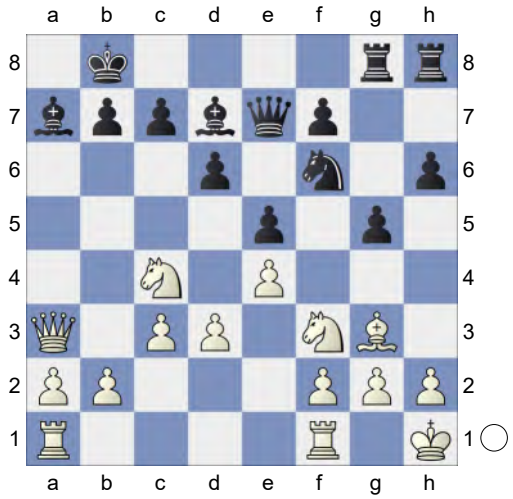
16.Qb3 1.21/23

[16.d4!+- 1.93/23]

16...Bb6 2.29/22

[16...b6± 1.21/23]

17.Nc4 Ba7 18.Qa3 Kb8



19.Bxe5!→ Black is in trouble. **19...g4** 2.26/22

[19...h5 1.61/22 20.Bd4 *(20.Nxd6 g4±)* 20...c5]

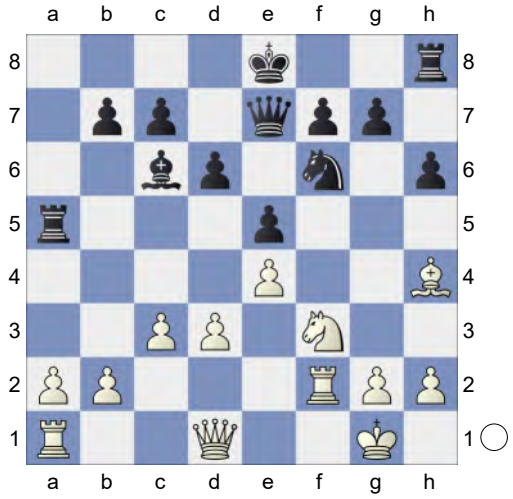
20.Bd4 c5 21.Bxf6 Qxf6 22.Nfd2 h5 23.Ne3 1.15/20

[23.b4+- 1.85/20]

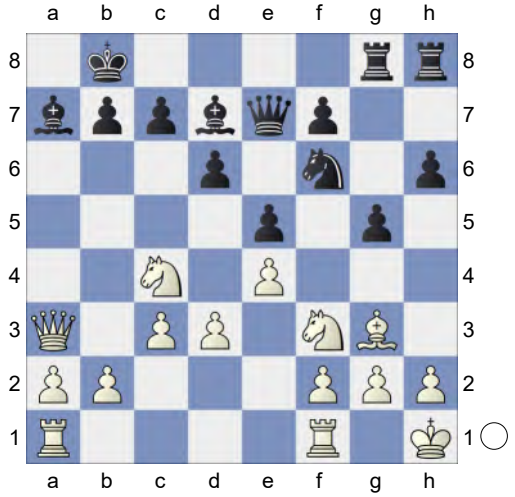
23...h4± 24.Ndc4 Bc6 1.96/23
[24...Rh5± 1.00/21 is a better defense.]
25.f4 1.07/23
[White should play 25.Kg1+- 1.96/23]
Black cannot hold the game after this.
25...gxf3? 4.42/23
[25...h3± 1.07/23 26.g3 Qe7]
26.Rxf3+- Qg5 27.Qb3
[27.Nxd6 h3 28.g3 *(28.Nxf7? too greedy. hxg2+ 29.Kg1 Qh5-+; 28.gxh3 Qd8±)* 28...Qh5=]
27...d5 6.60/24
[⌓27...Ka8 4.09/22 28.h3 *(28.Rxf7 h3±; 28.Nxd6 c4±)* 28...d5]
28.Na5 c4 29.Nxc6+ Ka8 30.Qa4 bxc6 31.Qxc6+ 10.48/5
[⌓31.Rxf7 #4/10 Qe7 32.Rxe7 Kb8 33.Qxa7+ Kc8 34.Qc7#]
31...Kb8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/Black=0.88 **32.Rxf7**
1-0

166 **C54**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2777**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2787**
Bullet Chess Winners blitz (4.6) 20.7.23
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Bg5 d6 6.c3 h6 7.Bh4 a5**
[7...a6 8.a4 Ba7 9.0-0 Qe7 0.23/21 *(9...g5* -0.25/19 should be considered. *10.Bg3 Be6)* 10.Nbd2 g5 11.Bg3 Nh7 12.b4 Nf8 13.d4 and b5 would now be decisive Ng6 White should prevent ...g4. 14.b5 ½-½ Firouzja,A (2804)-Nakamura,H (2736) Wch Rapid Warsaw 2021 (10) Na5 15.h3! h5]
8.0-0 Qe7N
[8...Ba7 9.a4 g5 10.Bg3 Ne7 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Ng6 13.d4 Nh5 14.dxe5 Nxg3 15.hxg3 dxe5 16.Rad1 g4 17.Nh2 Qg5 18.Rfe1 Kg7 19.Re2 h5 20.Ndf1 h4 21.Rd3 hxg3 22.Rxg3 Nf4 23.Nxg4 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2688)-Harikrishna,P (2720) Olympiad-44 Chennai 2022 (6.1) Bxg4 24.Ne3 Bxe3 25.Rexe3 Ng6 26.Be2 Be6 27.Qb5 Qf4 28.Qc5 Rh8 29.Qxc7 Rh6 30.Bf3 Rc8 31.Qxa5 Rch8 32.Kf1 Rh1+ 33.Ke2 Bc4+ 34.Kd2 Rf1 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2677)-Fedoseev,V (2685) Chess.com Rapid Winners 2022 (2.3)]
9.Nbd2!? Recently 9.a4 got a lot of attention. Exploring less charted territory. 9.a4 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **9...Bg4** 0.47/19
[9...Bb6 0.78/19 9...Bd7 0.07 10.Bb5 Bd7 11.Nc4 Ba7 12.Bxc6 0.36/21 *(12.Re1±* 0.73/19 *)* 12...Bxc6± 13.Nxa5 Bxf2+? 2.42/22 *(13...Bd7!±* 0.56/21 *)* 14.Rxf2+- ½-½ Verdu Vazquez,S (2046)-Garijo Martinez,J (2101) Valencia Autonomico Norte-A 2009 (4.6) Rxa5



15.Nd2? 0.26/21 (Better is *15.Bxf6!+-* 2.27/20 *gxf6 16.Nh4)* 15...g5!= 16.Bg3 d5? 2.86/22 Wards off Nc4 *(16...h5!=* 0.01/21 *17.Rf5 h4)* 17.b4+- Ra8? 4.70/20 *(17...Ra6* 2.78/19 *18.a4 Bd7)* 18.Qf3]
[9...Bd7= 0.01/20]
10.Kh1N g5 11.Bg3 0-0-0 12.Bb5 Bd7 0.95/20
[12...Na7= -0.01/17 remains equal. 13.a4 c6]
13.Nc4 0.27/20
[13.Rb1± 0.95/20]
13...Rdg8 1.70/23
[13...h5!= 0.27/20 and Black has nothing to worry.]
14.Bxc6+- Bxc6 15.Nxa5 Bd7 16.Qb3 Bb6 2.41/20
[16...b6± 1.53/19]
17.Nc4 Ba7 18.Qa3 Kb8



19.Bxe5!→ White attacks with force.
19...g4 2.53/19
[19...h5 1.86/18 20.Nfd2 *(20.Nxd6 g4±)* 20...h4]
20.Bd4 c5 21.Bxf6 Qxf6 22.Nfd2 h5 23.Ne3 1.28/18
[23.Rab1+- 2.73/18 has better winning chances.]
23...h4± 24.Ndc4 Bc6 1.98/23
[24...Rh5± 0.96/18]
25.f4+- gxf3? 4.29/23
[25...h3± 1.40/23 might work better. 26.g3 Qe7]
26.Rxf3 Qg5 27.Qb3
[Less strong is 27.Nxd6 f5 28.Nf7 *(28.Rxf5?* loses. *Qxe3 29.c4 h3-+; 28.Ndxf5 c4+-)* 28...Qg7+-]
27...d5? 6.63/24
[27...Ka8 3.92/21 28.h3 *(28.Rxf7 h3±; 28.Nxd6 c4±)* 28...Qg6]
28.Na5 c4 29.Nxc6+ Ka8 30.Qa4
Predecessor: **30...bxc6 31.Qxc6+** 10.53/5
[⌓31.Rxf7 #4/10 Qe7 32.Rxe7 Kb8 33.Qxa7+ Kc8 34.Qc7#]
31...Kb8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.83 **32.Rxf7**
1-0

167 **C54**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2777**
■ **Saric,Ivan** **2657**
Zagreb SuperUnited Blitz (1) 08.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...h6N
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5

Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3)]

6.b4 Bb6 7.a4 a6 8.0-0 d6 9.Re1
[9.a5!? Ba7□ 10.Be3=]

9...0-0 10.Nbd2 -0.09/21
[10.h3± 0.31/19 might be stronger.]

10...Ne7 0.40/20
[10...Ng4!= -0.09/21 11.Re2 Re8]

11.Nf1 White is slightly better.
[11.a5!? Ba7□ 12.h3=]

11...Ng6 12.Bb3 Nh5 0.66/19
[12...a5= -0.04/19]

13.d4!N 0.28/21 A top novelty. Eine Top Neuerung.
[13.a5± 0.66/19 Ba7 14.Ne3]

13...Qf6!= 14.Ne3 Wards off Bg4

14...Nhf4 15.g3
[15.Bb2 0.11/19 15.a5 0.60 Re8 16.Bc2 Be6 17.c4 exd4! 18.Nxd4 Qg5 0.45/22 *(18...Bh3= -0.13/20 19.g3 c5)* 19.Nf3± 1-0 Sevian,S (2684)-Yakubboev,N (2630) Sharjah Masters 6th 2023 (4) Qh5 20.Nd4 -0.01/21 *(20.a5!± 0.38/24 Ba7 21.Nd4)* 20...Qg5= Hoping for ... Nxg2!. 21.Nf3]

15...Nh3+ 16.Kg2 c6 Prevents Nd5.

17.Bc2 Ng5 1.19/21
[17...Re8= 0.25/19]

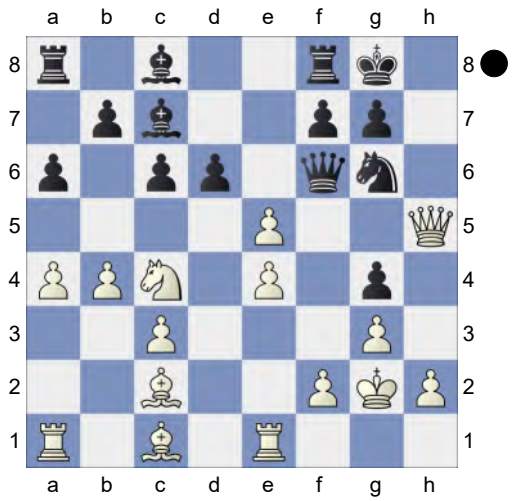
18.Nxg5!± hxg5 19.Nc4 0.07/21
[19.Ng4± 1.10/19 Qe6 20.h3]

19...Bc7 0.83/20
[19...Ba7!= 0.07/21 remains equal.]

20.Qh5 0.19/22
[Better is 20.Ra3± 0.83/20]

20...g4 0.60/20
[20...exd4= 0.19/22 21.Bxg5 Qe6]

21.dxe5? -4.58/21
[21.Be3± 0.60/20 stays ahead.]



Active counter play! **21...Nxe5?** -0.02/20
[21...Qf3+!-+ -4.58/21 22.Kg1 Qxc3 *(22...dxe5 23.Be3±)*]

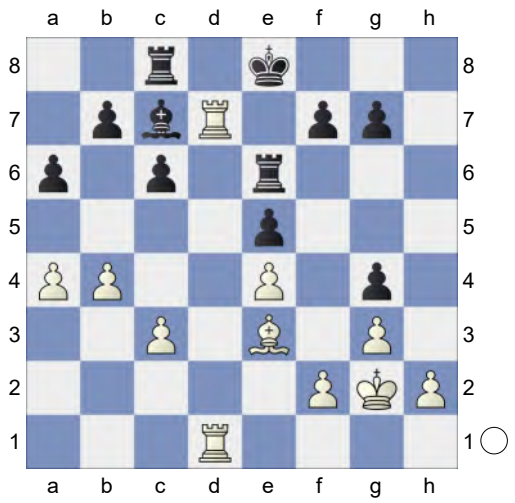
22.Nxe5= Qxe5
[22...dxe5 keeps more tension. 23.Bd1 g6 24.Qg5 Qxg5 25.Bxg5 a5]

23.Qxe5 dxe5 24.Bb3! Re8 0.81/24
[24...Kh7= 0.22/24]

25.Rd1 Be6 1.34/26
[25...Kf8± 0.61/23]

26.Bxe6± Rxe6 27.Rd7 Rc8 28.Be3 Kf8 1.80/28
[28...Rd6± 1.38/23 29.Re7 Kf8 30.Rxe5 Rd3]

29.Rad1+- Ke8? 3.34/26
[29...b6± 1.39/26 is a better defense. 30.c4 a5]



30.Bg5! aiming for Rxc7!. **30...f6?** 7.08/28
[30...Kf8 3.09/24 31.Be3 b6]
31.Rxg7! White is clearly winning.
31...Rd8 32.Rxd8+ Bxd8 Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **33.Be3 Rd6 34.Rxb7 Rd3 35.Ra7 Rxc3 36.Rxa6 Rc4 37.a5 Rxb4 38.Ra8 Kd7 39.a6 Ra4 40.a7** Predecessor: **40...Be7 41.Rb8 c5** White used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/Black=0.86
42.a8Q
1-0

168 **C54**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2777**
■ **Andreikin,Dmitry** **2729**
chess.com SpeedChess 2023 blitz (1.21)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
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6.b4 Bb6 7.a4 a6 8.0-0 d6 9.Re1 0-0 10.Nbd2 10.h3 injects fresh life into this line. 10.h3 bringt frisches Leben in diese Variante. **10...Ne7 11.Nf1** -0.01/20
[11.d4± 0.50/21]
11...Ng6 12.Bb3 -0.11/19
[12.a5 0.26/20 was preferable. Ba7 13.Be3]
12...Nh5 0.59/22
[12...a5= -0.11/19]
13.d4 Qf6 14.Ne3 Prevents Bg4
14...Nhf4 15.g3N
[Vorgänger: 15.Bb2 -0.01/20 15.Bc2 0.53 Re8 16.Bc2 Be6 17.c4 exd4 18.Nxd4 Qg5 19.Nf3 Qh5 20.Nd4 0.01/23 *(20.a5!± 0.40/24 Ba7 21.Nd4)* 20...Qg5= White must now prevent ...Nxg2!. 21.Nf3

1-0 Natacheev,P (2246)-Abelguzin,D (2150) Samara Polugaevsky Memorial 4th 2014 (5)]

15...Nh3+ 16.Kg2 c6 Prevents Nd5. **17.Bc2 Ng5** 1.29/21

[17...Re8= 0.26/19]

18.Nxg5!± hxg5 19.Nc4 0.53/21

[White should try 19.Ng4± 1.11/20 Qe7 20.Bb2]

19...Bc7 20.Qh5 g4 21.dxe5? -4.74/22 Active counter play!

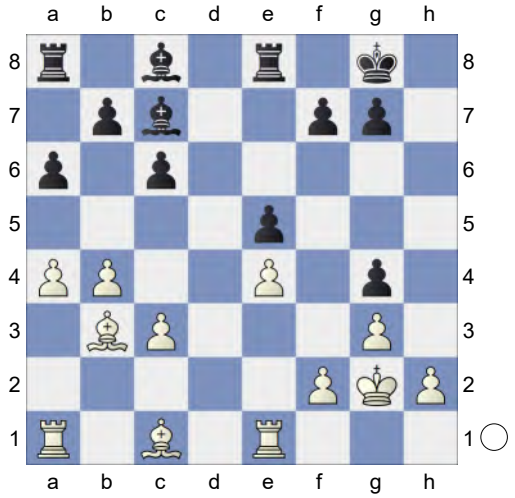
[21.Be3± 0.58/21 stays ahead.]

21...Nxe5? 0.17/21

[21...Qf3+!-+ -4.74/22 22.Kg1 Qxc3 *(22...dxe5 23.Be3±)*]

22.Nxe5= Qxe5 23.Qxe5 dxe5 24.Bb3 Re8 0.85/25

[24...Kh7± 0.43/23]



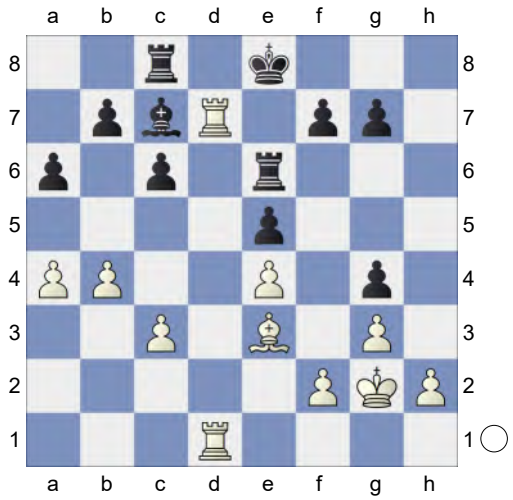
25.Rd1!± Be6 1.34/28

[25...Rd8± 0.70/23]

26.Bxe6 Rxe6 27.Rd7 Rc8 28.Be3 Kf8 29.Rad1 Ke8? 3.16/26

[29...b6± 1.30/25 was worth a try.]

(Diagram)



30.Bg5!+- Black must now prevent Rxc7!. **30...f6?** 7.36/27

[30...Kf8 2.88/24 31.a5 c5 32.bxc5 Rc6]

31.Rxg7! White is clearly winning.

31...Rd8 32.Rxd8+ Bxd8 Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **33.Be3 Rd6 34.Rxb7 Rd3 35.Ra7 Rxc3 36.Rxa6 Rc4 37.a5 Rxb4 38.Ra8 Kd7 39.a6 Ra4 40.a7 Be7 41.Rb8 c5** Quite a comeback for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.79 **42.a8Q**

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169 **C53**

□ **Gukesh,D.** **2776**

■ **Caruana,F.** **2784**

Saint Louis Rapid 2025 (9.4) 13.08.2025

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**

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0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]

5...d6N

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6.0-0 h6 7.Re1 0-0 8.h3 a5 9.Nbd2 a4 10.Bb5 Bd7! The position is equal.

11.Nf1 Ne7 12.Bxd7 Nxd7 13.d4 Bb6 14.Ng3 f5 15.Qd3 -0.75/21

[15.exf5= 0.19/24 Nxf5 16.Nxf5 Rxf5 17.Qc2]

15...f4 16.Nf1 Kh8 17.N1h2 Ng6 18.Bd2 c5 19.dxc5 Nxc5 20.Qc2 Qc7

[20...d5 21.exd5 Qd6 *(21...e4 22.Rxe4 Nxe4 23.Qxe4=)* 22.c4±]

21.Rad1 Rfd8 22.Re2 Qf7 23.c4 Ne7↑ Black fights for an advantage.

24.Ne1 -0.66/20

[24.Nh4= -0.19/22 deserves consideration.]

24...Nc6 25.Nhf3 Kh7 26.Nd3 -1.57/22

[⌓26.b4 -0.77/23 axb3 27.axb3]

26...g5 27.Nb4? -3.48/22

[27.Bc3 -1.71/21]

27...Rg8-+ 28.Bc3? -5.92/23

[28.Nxc6 -2.58/20 is tougher. bxc6 29.Bc3]

28...g4

[28...Qxc4? 29.Nxc6 *(29.Rxd6 Nxb4 30.Nxe5 Nxc2±)* 29...Qe6 30.Ncxe5 dxe5 31.Nxe5+-]

29.hxg4 Rxg4 30.Rxd6 Rag8 -4.23/24

[⌓30...Qh5 -8.48/21 31.Nh2 Rxg2+ Decoy 32.Kxg2 f3+ 33.Kh1 Qh3 *(33...fxe2 34.Nd5∓)* 34.Rxh6+ Decoy Kxh6 35.Qc1+ Kh7 *(35...Kh5? 36.Qf1-+)*]

31.Nd5 Rxg2+ 32.Kf1 Bd8 -1.76/25 Inhibits Nf6+.

[32...R8g7 33.Rd2± *(33.Nxb6? Qh5-+; 33.Bxe5? Nxe5 34.Rd2 Nxf3-+)*]

[32...R2g6! -4.54/23 33.Rxg6 *(33.Nxe5? Rg1#; 33.Bxe5? Nxe5 34.Rxb6 Qd7-+)* 33...Qxg6]

33.Rxd8 Nxd8 34.Bxe5 -1.76/25

[34.Ke1∓ -0.92/24]

34...Nd7! White must now prevent ... Nxe5. **35.Ke1** -1.87/22

[35.Qc3∓ -1.31/23]

35...Ne6! 36.Qxa4? -3.71/22

[36.Qc3∓ -1.26/20]

36...Ng5? -0.22/21

[36...Nxe5-+ -3.71/22 37.Nxe5 Rg1+ 38.Kd2 Qg7]

37.Nxg5+= R8xg5 38.Bd4 Ne5 Black has compensation. **39.Qb3** Prevents Nf3+. **39...Nc6**

[39...Rg1+ with more complications. 40.Kd2 f3 41.Re3 Rf1]

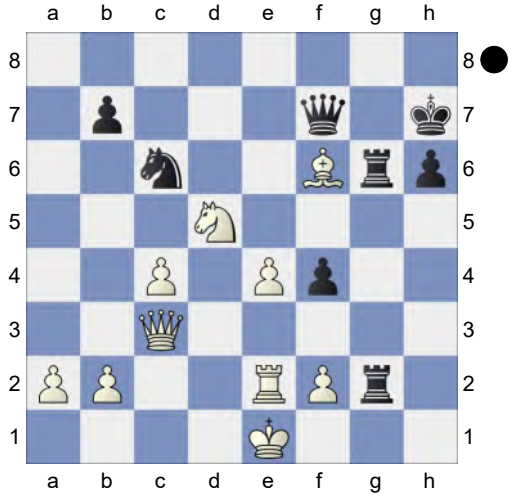
40.Bf6 Rg6

[40...f3!? 41.Re3 *(41.Qxf3 Nd4=)* 41...Re5±]

41.Qc3 -2.05/23

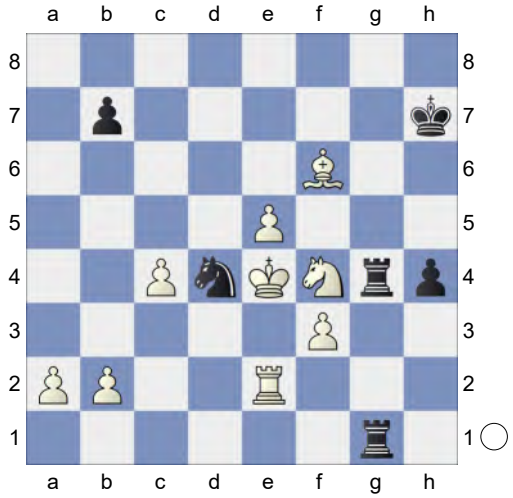
[41.e5!= 0.01/22 and White is okay. Nd4 42.Qb6 Rg1+ *(42...Nxe2?*

43.e6+-) 43.Kd2 Nxe2 44.e6 Rxf6 45.exf7 Rxb6 46.f8Q *(46.f8R? Rxb2+ 47.Kd3 Rf1-+)* 46...Rxb2+ 47.Kd3 Nc1+ 48.Kd4 Rd2+ 49.Kc5 Nd3+ 50.Kb6 *(50.Kd6 Nxf2 51.Qf5+ Kg8±)* 50...Rb2+ 51.Ka7 Rxa2+ *(51...Nxf2 52.Qf7+ Kh8 53.Nf6 Rxa2+ 54.Kb8)* 52.Kb8]



41...h5?? 3.04/23
[41...f3!-+ -2.05/23 and life is good for Black. 42.Re3 *(42.Qxf3 Nd4∓ Pin)* 42...Qe6]
42.e5!+- Qe6? 4.40/23
[42...f3 2.34/23 keeps fighting. 43.Qxf3 Rg1+ 44.Kd2 R6g4]
43.Nxf4 Rg1+ 44.Kd2 Qd7+ 45.Qd3 2.91/24
[⌓45.Nd5 5.88/23]
45...Qxd3+ 46.Kxd3 R6g4 47.Ke4 1.43/23
[47.Nxh5 Rd4+ 48.Ke3 Kg6∓]
[47.Re4+- 3.09/23 has better winning chances.]
47...h4? 6.70/25
[47...Nd4± 1.43/23 48.Kxd4 Rxf4+ 49.Kc5 Rg2 *(49...h4 50.Re3±)*]
48.f3 Nd4

(Diagram)



49.Rh2!
[And not 49.Kxd4 Rxf4+ 50.Ke3 *(50.Re4? Rxe4+ 51.fxe4 h3-+)* 50...Rxc4=]
[49.fxg4 Nxe2 50.Nxe2 h3 51.Nxg1 *(51.Kf4? h2-+)* 51...h2+-]
49...Re1+ 50.Kxd4 Rxf4+ Endgame KRR-KRB **51.Kd5 Kg6 52.Bxh4**
[Weaker is 52.Rxh4 Rd1+ 53.Ke6 Rxh4 54.Bxh4 Rd4±]
52...Rd1+ 53.Kc5? 2.15/24
[53.Ke6 7.93/24 Rdd4 54.Rg2+ Kh5 55.Bg5 Rxf3 56.b3]
53...Kf5? 6.66/24
[53...Rdd4 2.15/24]
54.Bf6 Rxf3 55.Rh7 Ra1 56.Rxb7 Rxa2 57.b4 Rc2 58.Rc7 Rfc3 6.72/24
[⌓58...Rf4 4.61/24]
59.Kb5 Rb3 60.Ka4 Rb1 61.Ka5 Ra2+ 62.Kb5 Rab2 63.Be7 Kxe5 64.Bf8 and Bg7+ should not be overlooked **64...Ke4 65.Rd7 Rf1 66.Bg7 Rb3?** 6.77/23
[66...Rg2 3.60/24 67.c5 Rc2 68.Rd4+ Kf5]
67.c5 Rc1 68.Rd6 Kf5 69.c6 Rg3 70.Bb2 Rc2 71.Bd4 Rg8 72.Bb6 Rb8 73.Ka6? 0.41/23
[73.Rd7+- 8.76/23 Ke6 74.Rh7]

73...Ra2+!± 74.Kb5 Rc2! 75.Rh6 Ke5 76.Rh7 Ke6 77.Rb7 Rc8 78.Bc5 Ra2 79.Re7+ Kd5 80.Rd7+ Ke6 81.Re7+? 0.01/16

[81.Rg7+- 7.80/23 Rb8+ 82.Rb7]

81...Kd5!= 82.c7 Prevents Rb8+. White is clearly winning. **82...Raa8 83.Rd7+ Ke6 84.Rd6+ Ke5 85.Kb6 Rg8 86.Kb7 Rae8 87.b5 Ke4 88.b6 Rg7** What a bad dream for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/Black=0.83 **89.Kc6**

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170 **C53**

□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2776**

■ **Liang,Awonder** **2696**

Quantbox Chennai GM 2025 (1.5) 7.8.25

[Kitty Kat]

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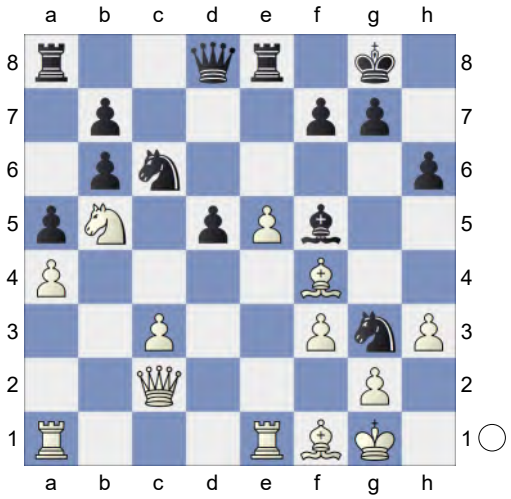
6.0-0 Bb6 7.Re1 Ng4 8.Re2 0-0 9.h3 Nf6 White is slightly better. **10.Re1 h6 11.Nbd2 Ne7 12.d4 Nc6 13.a4 a5 14.Bb5 exd4 15.Nc4 dxc3 16.Nxb6 cxb6 17.bxc3 Re8 18.Qc2 Bd7 19.Bf4 Ne5 20.Nd4 Nc6 21.Bf1** This pair of bishops is nice. **21...d5 22.e5 Ne4 23.Nb5 Bf5** 0.56/20

[23...Rc8= 0.04/21]

24.f3

[24.Qa2 seems wilder. Qh4 25.g3 Qe7 26.Qxd5 g5 27.Nd6]

24...Ng3



Discovered Attack **25.Qd2↑** White has good play. **25...Nxf1 26.Kxf1 Re6 27.Rad1** White is more active. **27...Qh4 28.g4** -0.01/22

[28.Kg1!± 0.48/21 should be considered.]

28...Qxh3+= **29.Kf2** **Be4?** 1.62/25 **30.fxe4+-** **dxe4**

[30...Nxe5?! 31.Bxe5 Rxe5 32.Qf4 *(32.exd5 Qh2+ 33.Kf1 Qh1+ 34.Kf2 Qh4+ 35.Kf3 Qh3+ 36.Kf2 Qh4+ 37.Kf3 Qh3+ 38.Kf4 Rae8=)* 32...Qh4+ 33.Qg3 Qf6+ *(33...Qxg3+ 34.Kxg3 dxe4 35.Kf4±)* 34.Kg1±]

31.Rxe4 **Rae8** **32.Bg3** 0.78/26

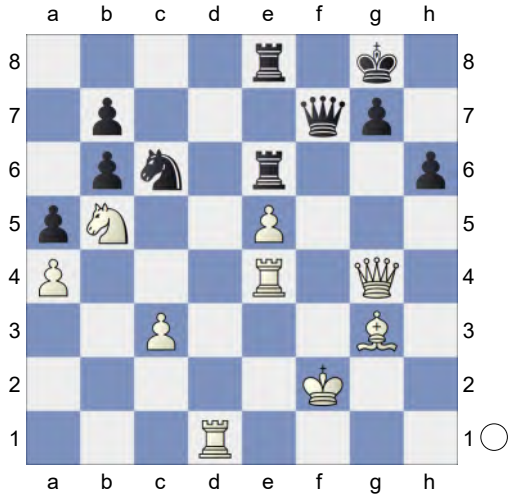
[32.Rde1+- 1.71/21 has better winning chances.]

32...f5 1.60/26

[⌓32...Nxe5 0.78/26 33.Rxe5 Rxe5 34.Bxe5 Rxe5]

33.gxf5± **Qxf5+** **34.Qf4** **Qg6** **35.Qg4** **Qf7+** 1.87/23

[35...Qxg4± 1.23/24 was necessary. 36.Rxg4 Nxe5]



36.Qf3!+- **Qe7** 4.72/21

[36...Nxe5 1.97/23 37.Qxf7+ Nxf7 38.Rxe6 Rxe6]

37.Rde1 **Rf8** **38.Rf4** Rxf8+ would now be deadly. **38...Re8** **39.Qd5** White is clearly winning. **39...Rd8** **40.Qc4**

[Weaker is 40.Nd6 Nxe5 41.Rxe5 Rdxd6 42.Rxe6 Rxe6+-]

40...Kh7 **41.Qe4+** **Kg8** **42.Rf3** **Qc5+** **43.Kg2** **Rde8** **44.Nd4** **Rxe5** **45.Bxe5** **Rxe5** **46.Qh4** **Qd5** Prevents Ne6

47.Nxc6 **Rg5+** **48.Kf2** **bxc6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.31 **49.Re8+** **1-0**

171 **C55**
□ **ChessHobbits99** **2775**
■ **Larsen,Magnus** **2573**
Blitz 12.08.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4** **e5** **2.Nf3** **Nc6** **3.Bc4** **Bc5** **4.0-0** **Nf6** **5.d4** **Bxd4** **6.Nxd4** **Nxd4** **7.Bg5** **d6** -0.13/19

[7...h6∓ -0.54/18 8.Be3 Nc6]

8.f4!= **Rg8** 0.39/17

[8...c6= -0.27/21]

[8...Be6 9.Nd2 h6 10.fxe5 dxe5 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.c3 Qd6 13.Kh1 Nc6 14.Rxf6 0-0-0 15.Bxe6+ fxe6 16.Rf2 Ne7 17.Qh5 Qb6 18.Raf1 Qxb2 19.Qxe5 Qxa2 20.Nf3 Qc4 21.Nd4 Nc6 22.Qxe6+ Qxe6 23.Nxe6 0-1 8.♗d3 ♗b7 9.e4 b4_77255 (2476)-San Segundo Carrillo,P (2548) Paris 1965 (4)]

9.Na3N -0.44/17

[9.f5± 0.39/17]

[9.fxe5 dxe5 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Qh5 Rg6 12.Qxh7 Be6 13.Na3 Bxc4 14.Nxc4 Ne2+ 15.Kh1 Qd4 16.Rad1 Qxe4 17.Rf3 b6 18.c3 Nf4 19.Ne3 Ke7 20.Rxf4 Qxe3 21.Rff1 Qe4 22.Qh3 Rh8 23.Rd7+ Ke8 1-0 Dolzhikova,K (2345)-Klek,H (2291) Bielefeld (Women) rapid op 2024 (3)]

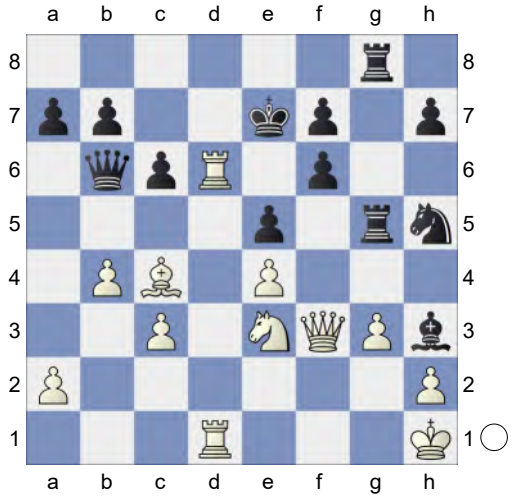
9...Bd7 0.49/17

[9...Ne6!∓ -0.44/17]

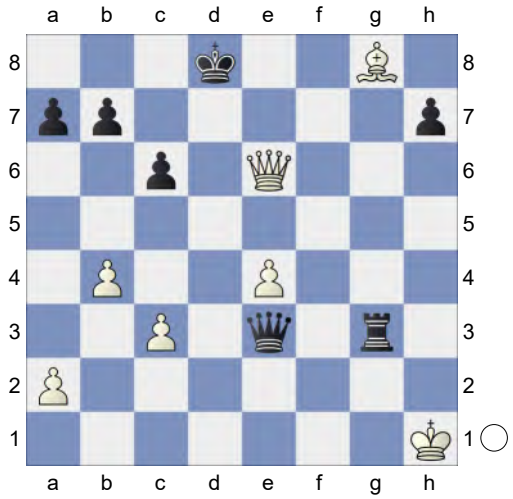
10.c3 -0.45/18

[10.f5± 0.49/17]

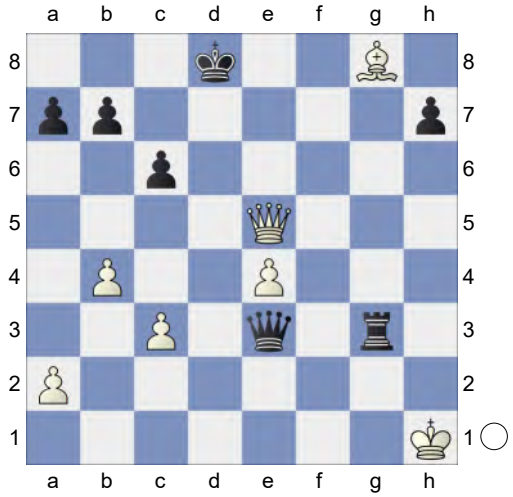
10...Ne6!∓ Excellent horsemanship.
11.fxe5 -0.74/21
[11.Qb3∓ -0.37/18]
11...dxe5∓
[11...Nxg5 12.exf6 gxf6 13.Qb3=]
12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Kh1 Qe7 Hoping for ... 0-0-0. **14.Qf3 Nf4 15.g3 Bg4! 16.Qf2 Nh5** -0.12/17
[16...Ne6∓ -0.90/20 Black wants to play ...Ng5. 17.Qxf6 Qxf6 18.Rxf6 Ng5]
17.Nc2!= Bh3 18.Rfd1
[18.Rfe1 simplifies Be6 19.Ne3 Bxc4 20.Nxc4 Qe6 21.Ne3]
18...c6 0.49/20
[18...f5= 0.13/19 deserves consideration. 19.exf5 Nf6]
19.Ne3± Be2 is the strong threat. White has compensation. **19...Qc5?** 1.95/17
[Black should play 19...Ng7!± 0.33/19]
20.b4+- Qb6 2.70/22
[⌓20...Qe7 1.95/20]
21.Qf3 Rg5 22.Rd6 Ke7 23.Rad1 1.70/17
[⌓23.Nd5+ 2.94/16 cxd5 24.Rxb6 axb6 25.Bxd5]
23...Rag8? 4.86/20
[23...Qc7 1.70/17 24.Bxf7 Kxf7]



24.Rd7+?? -4.56/15 **Bxd7-+ 25.Bxf7** -10.74/22
[⌓25.Rg1 -4.56/17]
25...Nxg3+ 26.hxg3 Rxg3
[26...Kxf7 27.Rxd7+ Ke8 28.Rxh7=]
27.Rxd7+ Kxd7 28.Qxf6 Qxe3?? #8/28
[28...Rh3# -#1/15]
29.Be6+ Kd6 30.Bxg8+ KQR-KQB
30...Kc7 31.Qxe5+ Kd8 32.Qd6+ Ke8 33.Qe6+! Kd8



34.Qf6+! #7/29 **Kc7**
[34...Kd7 35.Be6+ Kd6 36.Bf7+ Kd7 37.Qe6+ Kc7 38.Qe7+ Kb6 39.Qd8+ Kb5 40.Qa5#]
35.Qe5+ Kd8



36.Qb8+? 0.00/38 **Ke7 37.Qxb7+ Kf6**
[37...Kd6!? 38.Qb8+□ Kd7 39.Qb7+

Kd6=]

38.Qf7+ Ke5? #2/29

[38...Kg5= 0.00/32 39.Qf5+ Kh6 40.Qf6+ Rg6 41.Qh4+ Kg7 42.Qe7+ Kh6 *(42...Kxg8 43.Qe8+ Kg7 44.Qe7+ Kh6 45.Qh4+ Kg7 46.Qe7+ Kg8 47.Qe8+ Kg7 48.Qe7+=)* 43.Qh4+]

39.Qf5+? 0.00/36

[39.Qe6+ #2/29 mates Kf4 40.Qf5#]

39...Kd6= 40.Qf6+ Kc7 41.Qe5+ Kb6? #2/17

[41...Kb7= 0.00/34 42.Qe7+ Kb8 43.Qd8+ Kb7 44.Qd7+ Kb6 45.Qd8+ Kb7]

42.Qb8+ Ka6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/Black=0.72 **43.Bc4#**

1-0

172 **C50**

□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2771**

■ **Gukesh,D.** **2787**

Superbet ROM Classic 2025 (2.5) 8.5.25

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 source: "Emanuel Lasker", v3, The Chess Player 1976, p71. ref : "Philadelphia Inquirer" notes : est. 1911.[10.11] **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Bg5 d6**

[5...h6 6.Bh4 g5 7.Bg3 d6 8.h3 g4 9.hxg4 Bxg4 10.Nc3 Nd4 11.Bh4 c6 12.a3 Qb6 13.Bxf6 Rh7 14.b4 Bxb4 15.axb4 Qxb4 16.0-0 Qxc3 17.Qe1 Qxe1 18.Nxe1 h5 19.f3 Bd7 20.f4 1-0 Lu,S (1227)-Alnajjar,S GER-ch U10 Girls 2023 (5)]

6.c3N

[6.Nc3 0-0 *(6...h6 7.Bh4 Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.g4 Bg6 10.Nd5 Bh7 11.Qd2 Nd4 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.Qa5 Bb6 14.Qa4+ c6 15.0-0-0 g5 16.Bg3 Nxd5 17.exd5 Qd7 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.h4 Rc8 20.hxg5 Qxg4 21.Bxf7+* White-N,N *)* 7.Nd5 Na5 8.Nxf6+ gxf6 9.Bh6 Re8 10.Nh4 Nxc4 11.dxc4 Kh8 12.Nf5 Rg8 13.g4 Be6 14.Qe2 c6 15.f3 Qb6 16.0-0-0 Qa6 17.a3 d5 18.h4 d4 19.g5 Bxc4 20.Qh2 Bxa3 0-1 14.Kb1 b5 15.g4-Garcia,S 4th ch Doha 2003]

[6.h3 Na5 7.Bb3 Nxb3 8.axb3 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 g4 11.hxg4 Bxg4 12.Nc3 c6 13.Qe2 Qe7 14.Na4 Bb4+ 15.c3 Ba5 16.b4 Bc7 17.b3 Nh5 18.Bh4 f6 19.g3 Ng7 20.Qe3 b5 0-1 Induwara,T-Oleksienko,M (2160) Warszawa (m/3-rapid) 89/(457) 2003 (7)]

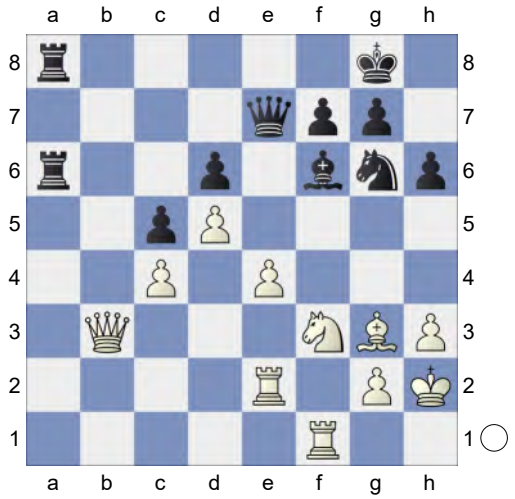
[6.Nbd2 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.Nf1 Nd4 9.g4 Bg6 10.c3 Ne6 11.Be3 0-0 12.Ng3 Nf4 13.Qd2 Ng2+ 14.Ke2 Nxe3 15.fxe3 c6 16.Bb3 Qe7 17.Raf1 d5 18.exd5 e4 19.dxe4 Bxe4 20.Rhg1 Bxd5 0-1 Lasker,E-Man,A New York sim 1911]

6...a6 7.Nbd2 Ba7 8.0-0 h6 9.Bh4 Bg4 9...Qe7 is the modern continuation. 9...De7 ist die moderne Fortsetzung.

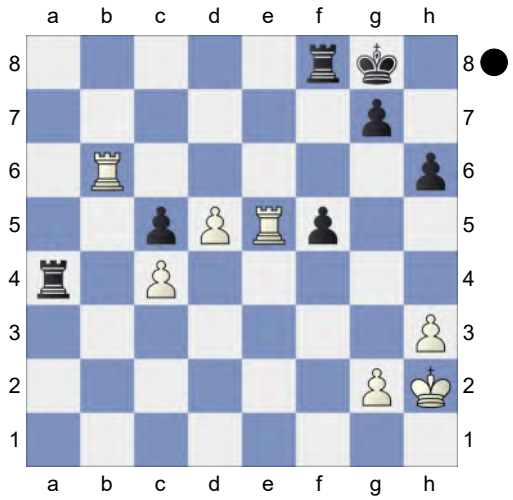
10.a4N 0.02/20

[10.h3 0.14/21 10.Qb3 0.50 Bd7 0.56/21 *(10...Bh5=* 0.14/21 *)* 11.a4± Qe7 0.55/19 *(11...g5=* 0.11/21 *12.Bg3 Qe7)* 12.d4 0.03/19 *(12.b4±* 0.55/19 *)* 12...0-0-0= 13.dxe5 -1.40/22 *(13.Bg3=* 0.07/21 *)* 13...dxe5 -0.51/21 (Black should play *13...Nxe5∓* -1.40/22 *14.Nxe5 Qxe5)* 14.Bd5 -0.98/21 *(14.b4∓* -0.51/21 *)* 14...g5∓ 15.Bg3 Nh5 -0.28/21 *(15...h5∓* -0.74/21 White must now prevent ...h4. *16.Bxc6 Bxc6 17.Nxe5 Be8)* 16.Kh2 -0.97/19 ;1-0 Kuipers,S (2440)-Anurag,M (2488) Groningen

op-A 55th 2017 (8) *(16.Bh2!= -0.28/21)*]
[10.Qb3± 0.48/23]
10...Qd7
[10...g5!? 11.Bg3□ Nh5=]
11.b4 Ne7 12.Bg3 Ng6 13.Qc2 0-0 14.d4 Nh5 15.Kh1 Rae8 16.h3 Be6 17.Bh2 Nhf4 18.Bxe6 Qxe6 19.Rae1 Qf6 20.d5 Rc8 21.c4 c6 22.Qb3 Qe7 23.a5 Qd7 24.Ng1! b5 0.13/20
[24...cxd5∓ -0.43/22 25.exd5 b5]
25.axb6= Bxb6 26.Ne2 -0.43/24
[Better is 26.Bxf4= 0.11/20 Nxf4 27.dxc6 Rxc6 *(27...Qxc6 28.Ne2=)* 28.Ne2]
26...Nxe2 -0.01/22
[26...c5∓ -0.43/24]
27.Rxe2 c5 28.b5 Ra8 29.bxa6 Rxa6 30.f4 exf4 31.Bxf4 Bd8 -0.16/22
[31...Ba5∓ -0.63/21 should be considered.]
32.Bg3 Bf6 33.Nf3 Rfa8 34.Kh2 Qe7



35.e5! Bxe5 36.Nxe5 Nxe5
[36...dxe5 37.Qd3=]
37.Bxe5 dxe5 -0.12/24
[37...f6!∓ -0.70/26]
38.Qg3 The position is equal. **38...f6 39.Rb1 Ra3 40.Qg4 R3a4 41.Rb6 Rf8 42.Qe4 f5! 43.Qxe5 Qxe5+ 44.Rxe5**
(Diagram)



and d6 should not be overlooked **44...Rxc4** Endgame KRR-KRR. Black is a pawn up. **45.Re7 Kh7 46.Rbb7 Rg8 47.Rbc7 Re4**
[But not 47...Rd4 48.Rxc5 Rd2 49.Kg1±]
48.Rxe4 fxe4 49.Rxc5 KR-KR **49...e3 50.d6 Rd8 51.Re5 Rxd6 52.Rxe3 Rc6 53.Rf3 Rd6 54.Re3 Rc6 55.Rf3 Rd6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.10 (very precise) **56.Re3**
½-½

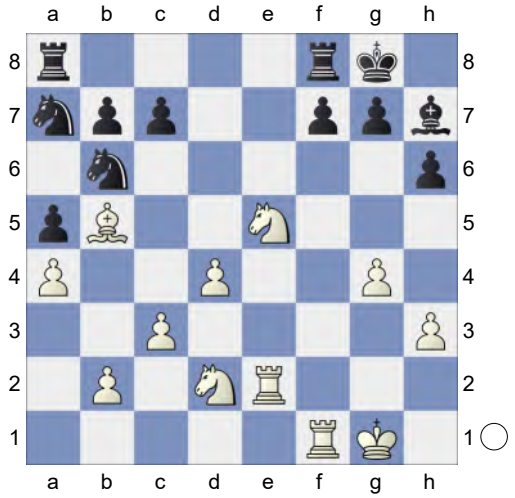
173 **C50**
□ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2771**
■ **So,Wesley** **2752**
Saint Louis Blitz 2023 (3.3) 17.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.a4 a5 6.0-0 h6 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3** The position is equal. **8...0-0N**
[8...d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Qe1 0-0 11.Nbd2 Be6 12.c3 f5 13.Nh4 Qg5 14.Ndf3 Qf6 15.Nxf5 Qxf5 16.e4 Qf7 17.Ng5 Qxf1+ 18.Qxf1 Rxf1+

19.Rxf1 hxg5 20.exd5 Bf7 21.dxc6 Bxc4 22.cxb7 Rb8 23.dxc4 Anton Guijarro,D (2655)-Sadzikowski, D (2503) CZE-chT 2223 2022 (11.4) 1-0]

9.Nbd2 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Qe2 Be6 12.Rae1 Qe7 13.c3 Nb6 14.Bb5 Bg4 15.h3 Bh5 16.g4 Bg6 17.d4! exd4 18.exd4 Qxe2 19.Rxe2 Na7 20.Ne5 Bh7

[20...Nxb5 21.Nxg6 fxg6 22.axb5]



Hoping for ...Na7xb5. **21.Bd3 Bxd3 22.Nxd3 Nxa4 23.Nb3** -0.38/23

[23.Re7= -0.01/20 was preferrable.]

23...Nc8!∓ 24.Ra1 -0.74/24

[24.Re5= -0.23/21 keeps the balance.]

24...b5∓ 25.Ne5 -1.65/22

[25.Ndc5∓ -0.92/21 was worth a try. Ncb6 26.Rae1]

25...Re8-+ ...f7-f6 is the strong threat.

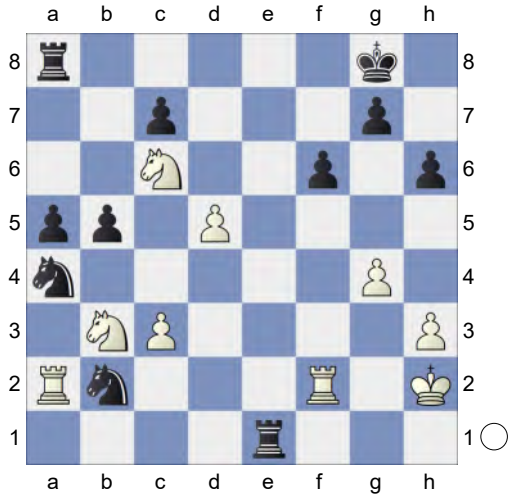
26.Rf2 Nd6 27.Ra2 -2.43/21

[27.Kg2∓ -1.57/21]

27...f6 28.Nc6 Nc4 White must now prevent ...Nc4xb2. **29.d5 Re1+ 30.Kh2 Ncxb2**

[Less strong is 30...Nab6 31.Nbd4∓]

(Diagram)



Deflection **31.Rfxb2 Nxb2**

[Inferior is 31...Nxc3 32.Rxa5 Rxa5 33.Nbxa5±]

32.Rxb2 a4 33.Nbd4 a3 34.Ra2 Rb1 35.Nb4 Rb2+ 36.Kg3 Ra4 aiming for ...Ra4xb4.

[Don't play 36...Rxa2 37.Nxa2 Re8 38.Kf2]

37.Ndc2!= 0.01/23 **Rb3 38.Nd4** -12.13/23

[⌓38.h4 -5.16/24]

38...Rb2? 0.01/23

[38...Rxc3+-+ -12.13/23 39.Kf4 Rxb4]

39.Ra1? -2.26/25 is tougher. **39...a2 40.Nxb5?** -5.97/26 Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/Black=0.33

[40.Ndc2 -1.90/23 nothing else works.]

0-1

174 **C53**

□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2771**

■ **Gukesh,D.** **2776**

SuperUnited CRO Blitz 2025 (2.5) 5.7.25

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6**

3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 a6 6.0-0 Ba7 7.Re1 d6 8.a4 0-0 9.h3 The position is equal. **9...h6**

[9...b5 10.Bb3 b4 11.a5 Rb8 12.Nbd2 Be6 13.Bc2 h6 14.Nf1 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Bd2 b3 17.Bb1 Qd6 18.Qe2 Rbe8 19.Ra3 f5 20.Nxe5 Bd7 21.d4 Nxd4 22.cxd4 Bxd4 23.Rxb3 Rxe5 24.Qc4 ½-½ 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 ♘c6 (2791)-C 06/30 (2809) cr AR ch 1984 (5.1)]

10.a5N

[10.Nbd2 Nh5 *(10...Re8 11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bb3 Qd7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 d5 15.Qc2 dxe4 16.Bxe6 Qxe6 17.dxe4 Rad8 18.Rad1 Ne7 19.Rd3 Ng6 20.c4 Rxd3 21.Qxd3 Nf4 22.Qb3 Nxe4 23.Nd5 Nc5 24.Qa3 Ncd3 25.Nxf4* ½-½ 6.e3 0-0 7.♗d2 a6 (1939)-Kasapchuk,A (2053) 65/353 Groningen 1995 (5.16)*)* 11.Nf1 Qf6 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Nxe3 Nf4 14.Kh2 Be6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Rf1 g5 17.Ng1 Rae8 18.b4 Ne7 19.b5 a5 20.b6 cxb6 21.Rb1 Nc8 22.Nc4 Qd8 23.g3 Ng6 24.Qb3 Qc7 1-0 Donchenko,A (2645)-Pajeken,J (2458) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early blitz 2022 (7) 25.Kg2 Rf7 26.Ne2 Ref8 27.Nxb6 Qc5 28.Qxe6 Kg7 29.d4 Qc6 30.Qd5 Qc7 31.Nxc8 Rxc8 32.Rb5 b6 33.Qb3 Rcf8 34.Rxb6 Qe7 35.Qd5 Qf6 36.Qxd6 Qf3+ 37.Kg1 Rf6 38.Qc7+ R6f7 39.Qd6 Rf6 1-0 Donchenko,A (2676)-Heimann,A (2552) EU-Cup 38th Durres 2023 (5.1)]

10...b5 11.axb6 cxb6 12.d4

[12.Bxa6? Bb8 13.c4 Rxa6-+ *(13...Bxa6? 14.Be3-+)*]

12...b5 13.Bf1 Re8 0.70/25

[Better is 13...exd4= 0.08/22 14.cxd4 d5]

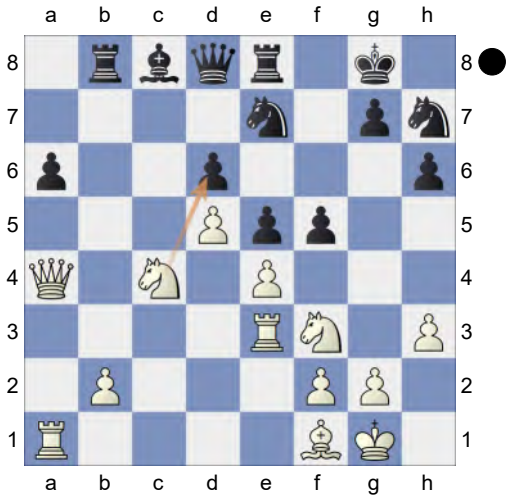
14.d5⩲ Ne7 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Rxe3 Rb8 17.Nbd2 Nh7 0.92/23

[17...Nd7⩲ 0.46/21 should be considered.]

18.c4± bxc4 19.Nxc4 0.65/20

[19.Bxc4± 1.16/21 a5 20.Qa4]

19...f5⩲ 20.Qa4



White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **20...Nf6 21.Nfd2 fxe4 22.Nxe4 Nxe4 23.Rxe4 Rf8 24.Qa5 Rb5 25.Qxd8 Rxd8 26.f4 Rxd5 27.fxe5 dxe5 28.Nxe5 Rd2** 0.66/22

[28...Rd1= 0.25/20 29.Re1 Rxa1 30.Rxa1 Kf8]

29.Nc4

[29.Bxa6 Rd1+ 30.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 31.Bf1 Ba6=]

29...R2d7 30.Nb6 Bb7 31.Nxd7 Bxe4 32.Nc5 Bc6 33.Nxa6

[Much weaker is 33.Bxa6 Rd2=]

33...Rd2 34.b4 Rb2 35.Rc1 0.23/24

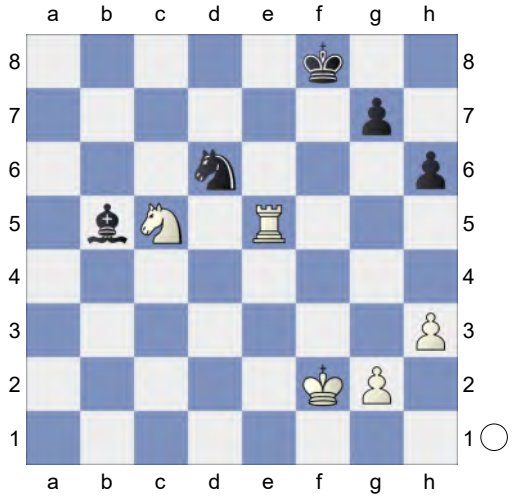
[White should play 35.Re1± 0.81/22 Nf5 36.Bc4+ Kh7 37.Re2 Rxe2 38.Bxe2]

35...Kf8= 36.Rc5 Rb1 37.b5 Be4 and ...Bd3 would now be decisive **38.Kf2 Nf5! 39.Re5 Rb2+ 40.Be2 Bd3**

[40...Ng3!? 41.Kxg3 Rxe2=]

41.Nc5 This costs Black the game.

41...Rxe2+?? 6.78/29
[41...Bxe2= 0.12/23 42.Rxe2 *(42.Rxf5+ Kg8∓)* 42...Rxb5]
42.Rxe2+- Bxb5= Endgame KRN-KBN
43.Re5 Nd6



44.Nb7! Deflection **44...Nxb7**
[44...Ne4+ 45.Rxe4]
45.Rxb5+- KR-KN **45...Nd6 46.Rd5 Ke7 47.Kf3 Ke6 48.Ra5 Nf5 49.Kf4 Ne7 50.Ra6+ Kf7 51.h4 Nd5+ 52.Ke5 Nf6 53.Kf5** Wards off Ng4 **53...g6+ 54.Ke5 Nd7+ 55.Kd6 Nf8 56.Ra3** and Rf3+ should not be overlooked **56...Nh7 57.Rf3+** 12.54/33
[⌓57.Ra7+ 34.15/31 Kg8 58.Ke6]
57...Kg7 58.Ke7 h5 59.g3 g5 60.Ke6 34.11/36
[⌓60.Rf7+ 7.38/33 Kg6 61.Ke6]
60...Kg6 61.Rf7 Kh6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.68
62.Kf5
1-0

175 **C50**
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2771**
■ **Oparin,G.** **2660**
Saint Louis Blitz 2025 (2.2) 14.08.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.c3 Bb6 6.a4**
[6.0-0 h6 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Bb3 a5 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 20.Nb1 Ne4 0-1 Firouzja,A (2785)-So, W (2760) Bucharest Superbet Classic 3rd 2023 (1)]
6...h6N
[6...Nf6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 #1 2) Italian - Fast & Furious-3...Bc5 4. d3 d6]
7.0-0 Nge7 8.d4 White is slightly better.
8...exd4 9.cxd4 a5 10.h3 Prevents Bg4. **10...0-0 11.Nc3 Nb4 12.Bb3 d5 13.Re1 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Ned5** 0.73/20
[14...Nf5= 0.22/22]
15.Ng3 0.22/21
[15.Ne5± 0.73/20]
15...c6 0.83/21
[15...Re8!= 0.22/21 remains equal.]
16.Ne5± Be6 1.13/21
[⌓16...Bc7 0.72/20]
17.Ra3 Qh4 2.20/21
[17...Nf6± 0.81/19]
18.Nf3? 0.58/20
[18.Re4+- 2.20/21 Qf6 19.Bc4]
18...Qf6 1.79/23
[Black should try 18...Qd8± 0.58/20]
19.Nh5 1.11/21
[19.Bxd5+- 1.79/23 Nxd5 *(19...Bxd5 20.Nh5±)* 20.Nh5]
19...Qf5 20.Ne5 0.29/22
[Better is 20.Bxd5!± 1.15/20 Qxd5

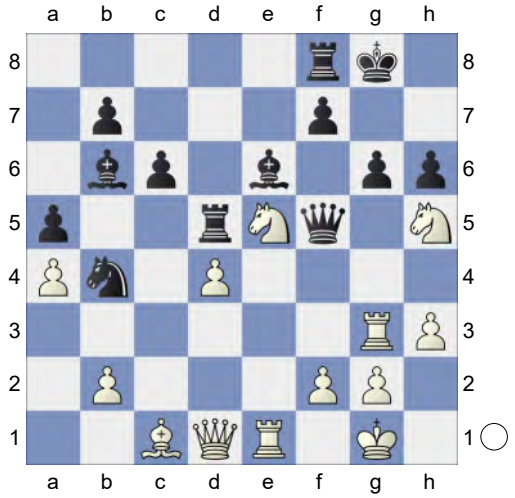
(20...Qxh5 21.Bxe6 fxe6 22.Rae3±; 20...Bxd5? 21.Nh4+-) 21.Nf4]

20...Rad8= 21.Bxd5! Rxd5

[21...Bxd5? 22.Rg3 g5 23.Ng4+-]

22.Rg3 g6 2.02/22

[22...Bxd4= -0.02/20 23.Qxd4 *(23.Nxg7? Qxf2+ 24.Kh2 Bxe5-+* Discovered Attack*; 23.Rxg7+? Kh8-+)* 23...Qxh5 *(23...Rxd4 24.Nxg7 Kh7 25.Nxf5±)*]



23.Ng4!+- A dynamic duo of knights.

23...Kh8 24.Bxh6 0.77/23

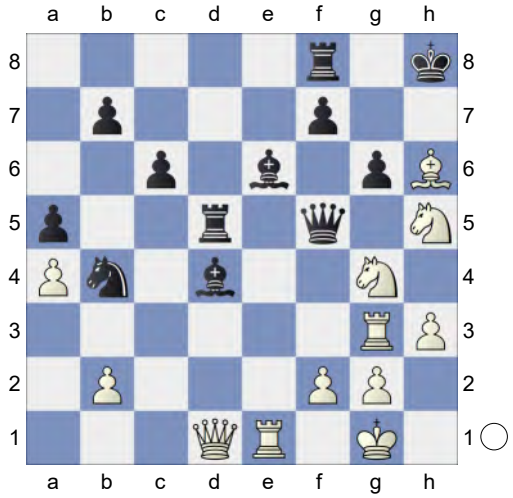
[24.Nhf6 Rxd4 25.Qe2 Nd3 26.Bxh6 *(26.Nxh6? Nxc1 27.Qf3 Qxf3-+)* 26...Nf4]

[24.Ngf6+- 1.79/17 Rxd4 *(24...gxh5? 25.Nxd5 Bxd5 26.Bxh6+-)* 25.Bxh6 Qxf2+ Double Attack *(25...Rxd1 26.Bg7#)* 26.Kh1 Qxf6 *(26...Rg8? 27.Qc1+-)* 27.Nxf6 Rxd1 28.Rxd1]

24...Bxd4±

[24...gxh5? 25.Ne3 *(25.Bxf8 hxg4 26.Rxg4 Nd3∓)* 25...Qf6 26.Nxd5 *(26.Bxf8 Rg5+-)* 26...Qxh6 27.Re5+- *(27.Nxb6 Bf5+-)*]

(Diagram)



25.Qxd4+! Remove Defender **25...Rxd4**

26.Bg7+

[26.Bxf8? Qxh5 *(26...gxh5? 27.Nh6-+)* 27.Nf6 Qh4-+]

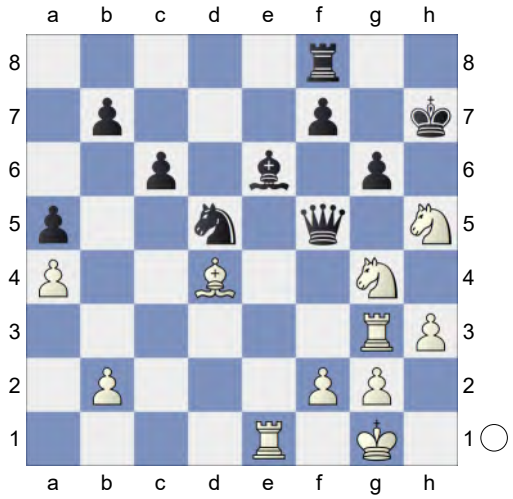
26...Kh7 27.Bxd4

[27.Ngf6+?! Qxf6 28.Bxf6 c5±]

27...Nd5 3.79/23

[27...gxh5? 28.Nf6++-]

[27...Nc2 1.70/24 28.Nhf6+ Kh8]



28.Re5?? -4.10/28

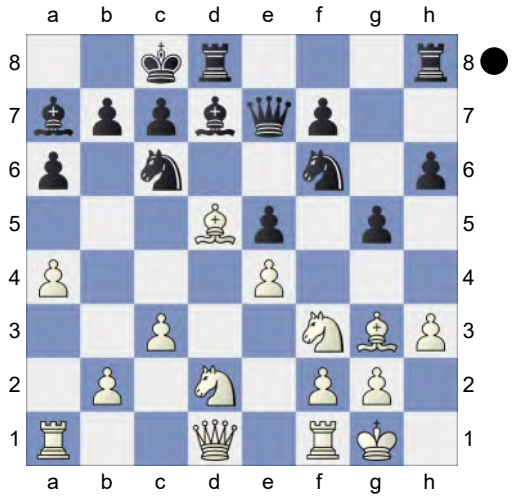
[28.Nhf6+!+- 3.79/23 Nxf6 29.Nxf6+ Kg7 30.Ne4+ *(30.Rf3 Qc2+-)* 30...Kh6 31.Rg5 Skewer Qxe4 Remove Defender *(31...Qf4? 32.Be3+-)* 32.Rxe4 Kxg5 33.Re5+ Kh6 34.Rxa5]

28...Qb1+-+ 29.Kh2 Bxg4!
[29...gxh5 30.Rxh5+ Kg6 31.Nf6+]
30.Rxg4 Strongly threatening Rh4!.
30...f5
[And not 30...gxh5 31.Rxh5#]
[30...f6 31.Rxd5 cxd5 32.Nxf6+ Rxf6 33.Bxf6∓]
31.Rg5 -6.36/21
[31.Nf6+ -2.88/22 Rxf6 32.Rh4+ Kg7 33.Re8]
31...Qd3
[31...gxh5? too greedy. 32.Re6+-]
32.Bc5 -4.94/25
[⌓32.Bc3 -3.24/24 Rf7 *(32...gxh5? 33.f4-+; 32...Nxc3 33.Re7+ Kh6 34.Nf4±)* 33.Rxg6 Kxg6 34.Rxd5]
32...Rf7 33.Ng3 -7.73/22
[⌓33.Re6 -4.00/22 gxh5 34.Rxh5+ Kg8 35.Re8+ Kg7 36.Rh4]
33...Qc4 34.Bd6 Qh4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.80/Black=0.67 **35.f4**
0-1

176 **C54**
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2771**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2787**
Bucharest Superbet Classic 5th (2)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 source: "Emanuel Lasker", v3, The Chess Player 1976, p71. ref : "Philadelphia Inquirer" notes : est. 1911.[10.11] **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Bg5 d6**
[5...h6 6.Bh4 g5 7.Bg3 d6 8.h3 g4 9.hxg4 Bxg4 10.Nc3 Nd4 11.Bh4 c6 12.a3 Qb6 13.Bxf6 Rh7 14.b4 Bxb4 15.axb4 Qxb4 16.0-0 Qxc3 17.Qe1 Qxe1 18.Nxe1 h5 19.f3 Bd7 20.f4 1-0 Lu,S (1227)-Alnajjar,S GER-ch U10 Girls 2023 (5)]
6.c3N
[6.Nc3 0-0 *(6...h6 7.Bh4 Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.g4 Bg6 10.Nd5 Bh7 11.Qd2 Nd4 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.Qa5 Bb6 14.Qa4+ c6 15.0-0-0 g5 16.Bg3 Nxd5 17.exd5 Qd7 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.h4 Rc8 20.hxg5 Qxg4 21.Bxf7+* White-N,N *)* 7.Nd5 Na5 8.Nxf6+ gxf6 9.Bh6 Re8 10.Nh4 Nxc4 11.dxc4 Kh8 12.Nf5 Rg8 13.g4 Be6 14.Qe2 c6 15.f3 Qb6 16.0-0-0 Qa6 17.a3 d5 18.h4 d4 19.g5 Bxc4 20.Qh2 Bxa3 0-1 14.Kb1 b5 15.g4-Garcia,S 4th ch Doha 2003]
[6.h3 Na5 7.Bb3 Nxb3 8.axb3 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 g4 11.hxg4 Bxg4 12.Nc3 c6 13.Qe2 Qe7 14.Na4 Bb4+ 15.c3 Ba5 16.b4 Bc7 17.b3 Nh5 18.Bh4 f6 19.g3 Ng7 20.Qe3 b5 0-1 Induwara,T-Oleksienko,M (2160) Warszawa (m/3-rapid) 89/(457) 2003 (7)]
[6.Nbd2 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.Nf1 Nd4 9.g4 Bg6 10.c3 Ne6 11.Be3 0-0 12.Ng3 Nf4 13.Qd2 Ng2+ 14.Ke2 Nxe3 15.fxe3 c6 16.Bb3 Qe7 17.Raf1 d5 18.exd5 e4 19.dxe4 Bxe4 20.Rhg1 Bxd5 0-1 Lasker,E-Man,A New York sim 1911]
6...a6 7.Nbd2 Ba7 8.0-0 h6 9.Bh4 Bg4 0.58/24 9...Qe7 is the modern continuation. 9...De7 ist die moderne Fortsetzung.
[9...g5= -0.08/21 10.Bg3 Bg4]
10.a4N -0.01/23
[10.h3 0.14/24 10.Qb3 0.54 Bd7 11.a4 0.01/22 *(11.b4± 0.40/23* is more appropriate.*)* 11...Qe7 0.53/23 *(*Black should try *11...a5=* 0.01/22 *)* 12.d4 -0.01/23 *(*Better is *12.b4±* 0.53/23 *)* 12...0-0-0 13.dxe5? -1.46/25 *(13.Bg3=* 0.17/23 *)* 13...dxe5 -0.71/24 *(⌓13...Nxe5* -1.46/25 *14.Nxe5*

Qxe5) 14.Bd5 -1.93/25 *(14.b4∓* -0.71/24 was called for.*)* 14...g5-+ 15.Bg3



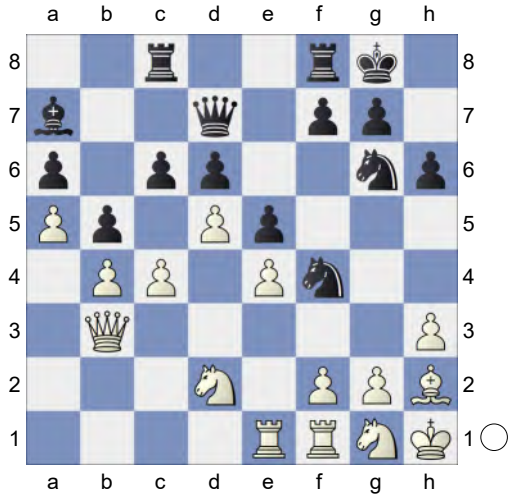
Nh5 -0.84/23 *(⌓15...h5!* -1.47/24 Threatens to win with ...h4. *16.Qe2 h4)* 16.Kh2 -1.30/22 ;1-0 Kuipers,S (2440)-Anurag,M (2488) Groningen op-A 55th 2017 (8) *(⌓16.Bh2* -0.84/23 *)*]

[10.Qb3± 0.58/24]

10...Qd7

[10...g5!? 11.Bg3□ Nh5=]

11.b4 Ne7 12.Bg3 Ng6 13.Qc2 0-0 14.d4 Nh5 15.Kh1 Rae8 16.h3 Be6 17.Bh2 Nhf4 18.Bxe6 Qxe6 19.Rae1 Qf6 20.d5 Rc8 21.c4 c6 22.Qb3 Qe7 23.a5 Qd7 24.Ng1 b5



25.axb6 Bxb6 26.Ne2 Nxe2 27.Rxe2 c5 White should prevent ...cxb4. **28.b5! Ra8 29.bxa6 Rxa6 30.f4 exf4 31.Bxf4 Bd8 32.Bg3 Bf6 33.Nf3 Rfa8 34.Kh2 Qe7 35.e5! Bxe5 36.Nxe5 Nxe5**

[Reject 36...dxe5 37.Qc2=]

37.Bxe5 dxe5 -0.01/27

[37...f6!∓ -0.68/29]

38.Qg3= f6 39.Rb1 Ra3 40.Qg4 R3a4 41.Rb6 Black must now prevent Reb2. **41...Rf8 42.Qe4 f5!** The position is equal. **43.Qxe5**

[43.d6 with more complications. fxe4 44.dxe7 Re8 45.Re6]

43...Qxe5+ 44.Rxe5 Rxc4 Endgame KRR-KRR. Black is a pawn up. **45.Re7 Kh7 46.Rbb7 Rg8 47.Rbc7 Re4**

[47...Rd4 48.Rxc5 Kh8 49.Rf7±]

48.Rxe4 fxe4 49.Rxc5 KR-KR **49...e3 50.d6 Rd8 51.Re5 Rxd6 52.Rxe3 Rc6 53.Rf3 Rd6 54.Re3 Rc6 55.Rf3 Rd6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.10 (very precise) **56.Re3**

½-½

177 **C50**

□ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2771**

■ **Sevian,Samuel** **2696**

Saint Louis Blitz 2023 (13.5) 18.11.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.a4 d6 6.0-0 h6**

[6...a5 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 0-0 9.Nbd2 Ne7 10.Nh4 c6 11.Qe1 d5 12.Bb3 Qd6 13.Qg3 Nh5 14.Qg5 g6 15.Nf5 Bxf5 16.exf5 Kg7 17.Kh1 Qf6 18.Qxf6+ Nxf6 19.fxg6 hxg6

20.e4 dxe4 21.dxe4 0-1 Ronneland, D (2690)-Molina,R (2835) 4647 Hastings 1946 (8.3)]

[6...a6 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 0-0 9.Qe1 Ne7 10.Nh4 Be6 11.Nd2 Qd7 12.Qg3 Bxc4 13.Nxc4 Qg4 14.Qe1 Qe6 15.b3 g6 16.a5 Kg7 17.Nf3 h6 18.Nh4 Neg8 19.h3 Rae8 20.Qb4 Qc8 21.Rf2 ½-½ Sevian,S (2698)-Lazavik,D (2553) Aimchess Rapid Div 2 W 2023 (6.2)]

7.a5 7.Be3 is a critical line. 7.Le3 ist die kritische Fortsetzung. **7...a6 8.c3 0-0 9.b4N**

[9.h3 Ba7 10.Be3 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Bxa7 Rxa7 13.Re1 Nf4 14.Nxe5 Qg5 15.Ng4 Nxa5 16.Ba2 h5 17.Ne3 Bxh3 18.Qf3 Be6 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Nf1 Nb3 21.Ra3 Nc5 22.d4 Ncd3 23.Re4 Nxf2 0-1 Brodsky,M (2686)-Behrmann (2544) cor 1980 (2) 24.Re5 Qg6 25.Qg3 Qxb1 0-1 Alekseenko,K (2686)-Lazavik,D (2544) ChessKid Cup Play In blitz 2023 (2)]

9...Ba7 10.h3 Ne7 11.Be3 Ng6 0.35/22

[11...Bxe3= -0.06/21 12.fxe3 b5 13.axb6 cxb6]

12.Nbd2N

[Vorgänger: 12.Re1 Bxe3 13.fxe3 c6 14.Bb3 d5 15.Qc2 Be6 16.c4 -1.03/20 *(16.Nbd2∓ -0.37/20)* 16...dxe4∓ 17.dxe4 c5 18.bxc5 ½-½ Jeet,J (2185)-Sardana,R (2418) Gujarat op 1st 2018 (8)]

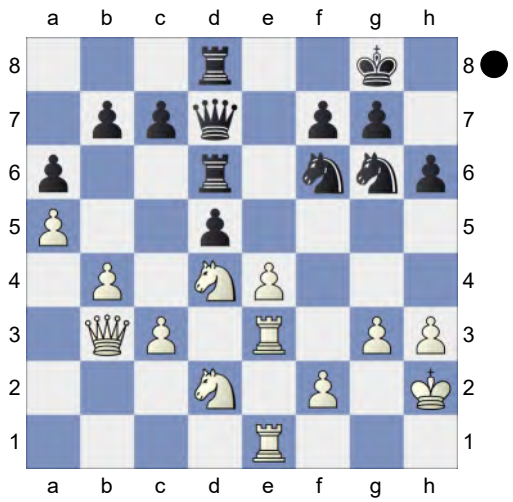
12...Re8 13.Re1 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 Be6

[14...Nf4 seems wilder. 15.d4 g5 16.Qb3 Qe7]

15.Bxe6 Rxe6 16.Qb3 d5 17.g3 Qd7 18.Kh2 Rd8 19.Rae1 Rd6 0.27/23

[⌓19...b6 -0.19/21]

20.d4= exd4 21.Nxd4



e4-e5 is the strong threat. **21...dxe4 22.Nxe4 Nxe4 23.Rxe4 Rd5 24.h4** -0.01/23

[24.Qc4± 0.53/22]

24...c5 25.bxc5 Rxc5 26.Rb1 -0.63/22

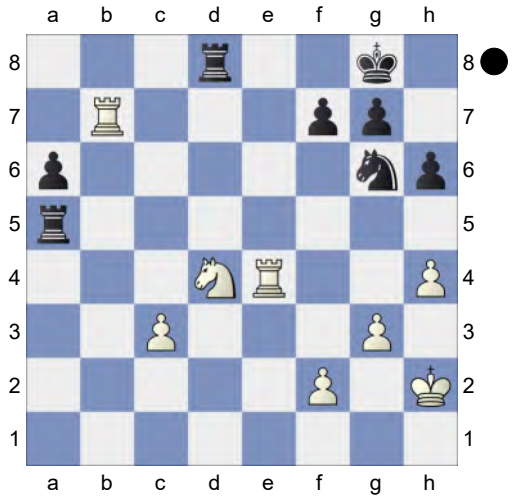
[26.f4= 0.01/22]

26...Rxa5 -0.01/24

[26...Rb8∓ -0.63/22]

27.Qxb7 The position is equal.

27...Qxb7 28.Rxb7

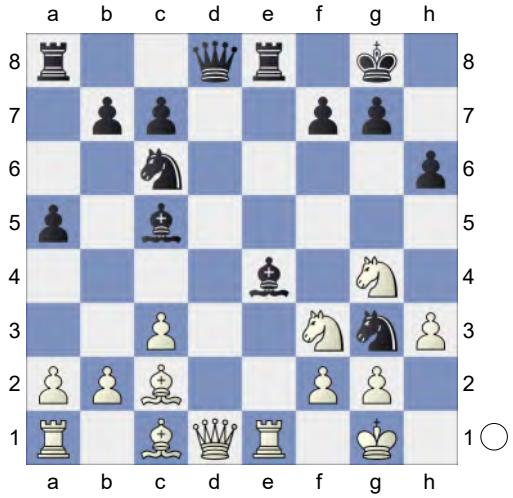


Black must now prevent Nd4-c6. **28...Re5 29.Rxe5 Nxe5** Endgame. KRN-KRN **30.Ra7 Rc8 31.Rxa6 Rxc3 32.Kg2 Rc8 33.h5 Ng4 34.f3 Rd8 35.fxg4 Rxd4** KR-KR **36.Kf3 Kh7 37.Ra7 f6 38.Ra6 Rd3+ 39.Kf4 Rd4+ 40.Kf3 Rd3+ 41.Kf4 Rd4+** Weighted

Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) / Black=0.10 (very precise)
½-½

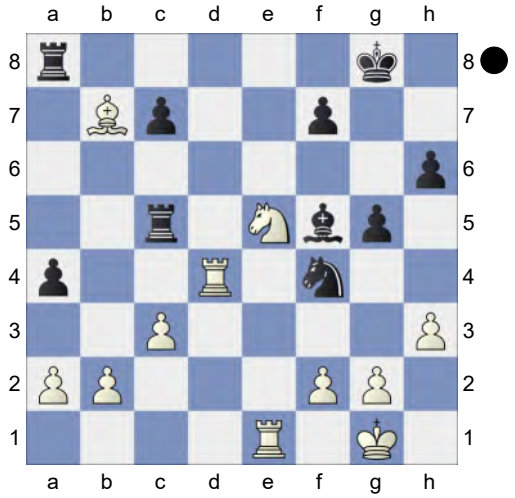
178 **C50**
□ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2768**
■ **Kuybokarov,Temur** **2535**
FIDE World Cup 2025 (2.5) 06.11.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3N**
[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 h5 9.Nxg5 h4 10.Nxf7 hxg3 11.Nxd8 Bg4 12.Qd2 Nd4 13.Nc3 Nf3+ 14.gxf3 Bxf3 The Giuoco Pianissimo-Game 1 - Victor Knorre vs. Mi]
[6.a4 a6 7.c3 Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Re8 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b4 d5 13.Qc2 d4 14.Bb2 Nh5 15.b5 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Nb3 Qd8 20.g3 Rh6 0-1 Lunacek,J (2702)-Ferri, S (2732) Chicago op 19th 2010 (11)]
[6.h3 a6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Nh5 10.Bh2 *(10.Kh2 Nxg3 11.fxg3 0-0 12.c3 Na5 13.Nbd2 Nxc4 14.Nxc4 Be6 15.Ne1 b5 16.Nd2 f5 17.Qh5 Kg7 18.Nc2 Qe8 19.Qe2 Qg6 20.d4 exd4 21.cxd4 Bb6 22.d5 Bd7 23.e5 dxe5 24.Qxe5+ Qf6* 0-1 Castro,T (2000)-Rumph,T (2183) US Amateur Team West 2010 (5.3)*)* 10...Nf4 11.c3 g4 12.hxg4 Bxg4 13.Nbd2 Qf6 14.Qb3 Rg8 15.Bg3 b5 16.Bxb5 axb5 17.Qxb5 Bd7 18.a4 Rxg3 19.d4 Rxg2+ 20.Kh1 Qg6 0-1 Krisha,T (1023)-Al Qudaimi,B (2401) Sharjah Rapid 2023 (1)]
6...a5 7.Bb3 h6 8.Nbd2 0-0 The position is equal. **9.h3 Be6 10.Bc2 d5 11.exd5 Bxd5 12.Re1 Re8 13.Qe2** -0.35/19
[13.Nf1= 0.01/18]
13...Nh5 14.Nf1 Qf6 15.N1h2
[15.Be3 simplifies Bf8 16.N1d2 Nf4 17.Bxf4 Qxf4 18.a3]
15...Ng3 16.Qd1 Ng4 poses a challenge **16...e4 17.Ng4 Qd8** 1.09/22
[17...Qd6= -0.02/23 remains equal. 18.dxe4 Bxe4]
18.dxe4± Bxe4



19.Be3 0.08/26
[19.Bf4!± 0.98/23 Qxd1 20.Bxd1]
19...Qxd1= 20.Bxd1 Bxe3 21.Nxe3 Nh5 22.Nd2 Bg6 23.Ndc4 Ne5 24.Nxe5 Rxe5 25.Bf3 Nf4 Wards off Nd5 **26.Nc4** Discovered Attack **26...Rc5 27.Ne5**
[27.Bxb7 Ra7 28.Re8+ Kh7-+]
27...Bf5 28.Rad1 Threatens to win with Nd7!. **28...a4**
[28...Re8!? 29.Nd3 Rxe1+ 30.Nxe1 b6=]
29.Rd4 g5 This move loses the game for White. **30.Bxb7?** -4.65/25
[30.Ng4= -0.01/22 and White is okay.]

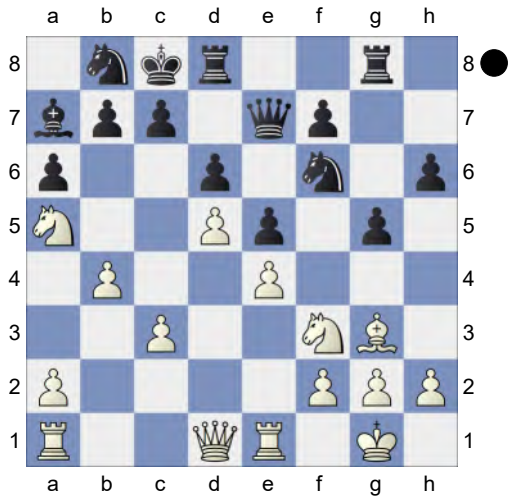
(Diagram)



30...Re8!-+ Black is clearly winning.
31.Nf3 -8.38/24
[Much worse is 31.g3 Nxh3+ *(31...Rcxe5? 32.Rxe5 Nxh3+ 33.Kf1-+)* 32.Kf1 Rexe5-+ *(32...Rcxe5? 33.Rxe5 Rxe5 34.Rxa4-+)*]
[⌓31.Rxa4 -4.32/22 Rcxe5 32.Rxe5 Rxe5 33.b4]
31...Rxe1+ Remove Defender **32.Nxe1 Ne2+ 33.Kf1 Nxd4 34.cxd4 Rc1 35.Ba6 Rb1 36.b3 a3** Hoping for ... Ra1. **37.Bc4 Rb2 38.b4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/Black=0.11 (very precise) **38...Rxb4**
0-1

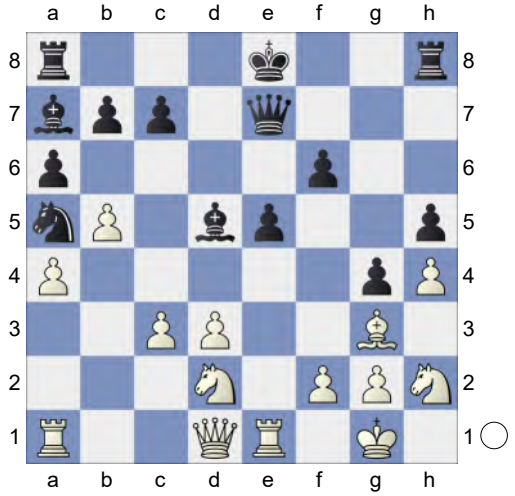
179 **C50**
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2767**
■ **Grischuk,A.** **2667**
FIDE World Bl Team Final blitz (3.2)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.c3 a6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 d6 8.Nbd2 Ba7N**
[8...Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.Qb3 Qc8 11.Nc4 0-0 12.Ne3 Qd7 13.Bg3 Nh5 14.Qd1 Nxg3 15.hxg3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Qf7 17.Qe2 Qg6 18.Rh3 Rf7 19.0-0-0 Raf8 20.Qc2 Qg4 21.Rdh1 d5 22.exd5 Nb8 ½-½ Kaasen,T (1554)-Yilmazyerli,M (1574) Jugoslavija 41/224 1986 (5)]
9.0-0 Qe7 now scores much better than the old 9...g5. punktet besser als das ältere 9...g5. **10.b4** White is slightly better. **10...Be6 11.Re1 g5 12.Bg3 h5N**
[12...Rg8 13.d4! Bxc4 14.Nxc4 and Qb3 would now be decisive 0-0-0? 2.29/20 *(14...h5!⩲* 0.52/20 *)* 15.d5? 0.01/18 *(15.a4+-* 2.29/20 *)* 15...Nb8= 16.Na5 -1.29/25 *(16.Qd3=* 0.04/22 *)*

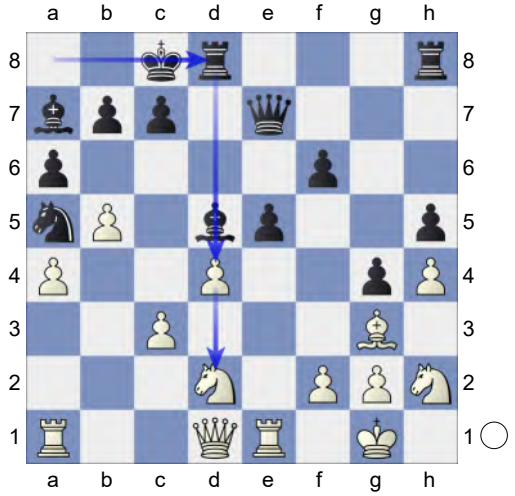


16...h5!∓ 17.h4 gxh4 18.Bxh4 Rg4 0.40/21 ;0-1 Mahmuti,A-Sheremet,A (2095) EU-Cup 28th Eilat 2012 (6.6) *(18...Rg6∓* -0.76/23 *19.g3 Rdg8)*]
13.h4!
[13.Nxg5? h4 14.Bxh4 Rxh4 15.Nxe6 fxe6∓]
13...g4 14.Nh2 d5⇄ Black puts up resistance **15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Bxd5 Bxd5 17.a4 f6?** 1.15/21
[17...f5∓ -0.72/21 stays on course. Threatens to win with ...0-0. 18.d4 0-0-0 *(18...f4 19.Bxf4* Pin *0-0*

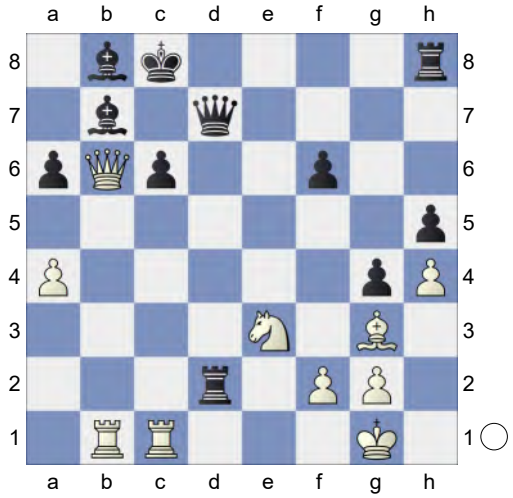
20.Bg3±)]
18.b5± Na5



19.d4! 0-0-0



20.bxa6 0.25/22
[Better is 20.Nhf1!± 1.25/20]
20...bxa6= 21.Nhf1 Bb7 0.78/24
[21...Qe6± 0.36/22]
22.Rb1 Qe6! 23.Ne3 exd4 0.71/24
[23...Rhf8!= 0.01/22]
24.cxd4± Rxd4 25.Qc2 This move loses the game for Black. **25...Qc6** 6.84/22
[25...Rd7± 0.91/22]
26.Qf5++- White is clearly winning.
26...Qd7 27.Qxa5
[Less strong is 27.Qxf6 Re8±]
27...Rxd2 28.Rec1 Bb8 29.Qb6 c6

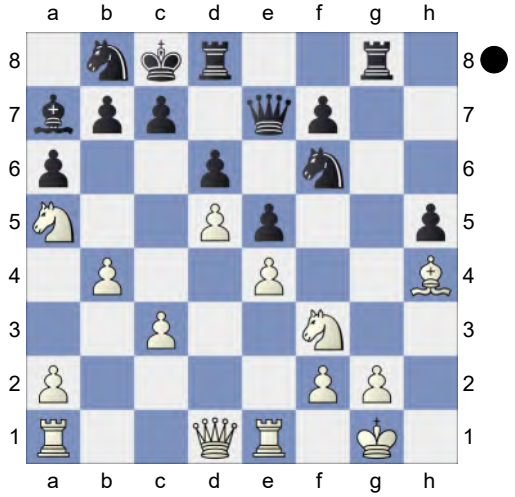


30.Rxc6+!! Qxc6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/Black=0.95 **31.Qxc6+**
1-0

180 **C54**
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2767**
■ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2667**
WchT Blitz Final (3.2) 15.06.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.c3 a6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 d6 8.Nbd2 Ba7N**
[8...Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.Qb3 Qc8 11.Nc4 0-0 12.Ne3 Qd7 13.Bg3 Nh5 14.Qd1 Nxg3 15.hxg3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Qf7 17.Qe2 Qg6 18.Rh3 Rf7 19.0-0-0 Raf8 20.Qc2 Qg4 21.Rdh1 d5 22.exd5 Nb8 ½-½ Kaasen,T (1554)-Yilmazyerli,M (1574) Jugoslavija 41/224 1986 (5)]
9.0-0 Qe7 0.43/22 now scores much better than the old 9...g5. punktet besser als das ältere 9...g5.
[9...g5= -0.01/18 10.Bg3 Na5]
10.b4± White is slightly better. **10...Be6 11.Re1 g5 12.Bg3 h5N**
[12...Rg8 0.36/22 12...h5 -0.08 13.d4

Bxc4 0.81/20 *(13...h5!= 0.03/21)* 14.Nxc4± and a4 should not be overlooked 0-0-0 2.27/20 *(14...h5± 0.77/20)* 15.d5? 0.35/21 *(White must play 15.a4!+- 2.27/20)* 15...Nb8± 16.Na5? -1.23/25 *(16.Qd3!± 0.40/19 stays ahead.)* 16...h5!∓ 17.h4 gxh4 18.Bxh4



Rg4 0.26/21 ;0-1 Mahmuti,A-Sheremet,A (2095) EU-Cup 28th Eilat 2012 (6.6) *(18...Rg6!∓ -1.22/22 19.g3 Bb6)*]

13.h4

[13.Nxg5? h4 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.Bxh4 Rxh4-+]

13...g4 14.Nh2 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Bxd5 Bxd5 17.a4 -0.81/21

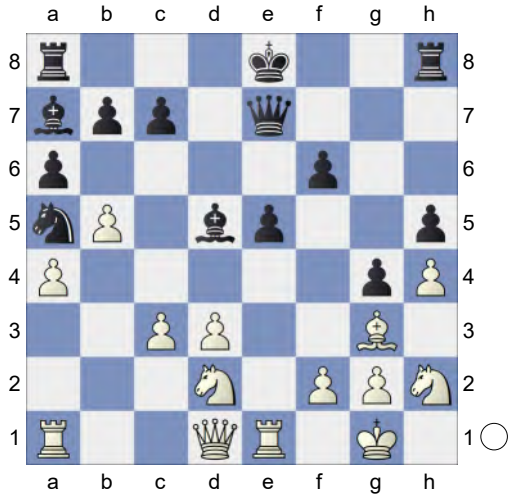
[17.Nhf1!= -0.01/21 keeps the balance.]

17...f6? 1.26/20

[17...f5∓ -0.81/21 stays on course. Threatens to win with ...0-0. 18.d4 0-0-0 *(18...f4 19.Bxf4 Pin 0-0 20.Bg3±)*]

18.b5± Na5

(Diagram)



19.d4! 1.17/20 **0-0-0 20.bxa6** 0.26/21

[White should try 20.Nhf1± 1.39/19]

20...bxa6= 21.Nhf1 Bb7 0.77/22

[21...Qe6± 0.33/21 deserves consideration.]

22.Rb1 0.28/21

[22.Nb3± 0.77/22 Nc4 23.Nbd2 Nxd2 24.Qxd2]

22...Qe6! 23.Ne3 0.06/22

[23.Qc2± 0.54/22]

23...exd4 0.64/22

[23...Rhf8!= 0.06/22]

24.cxd4± Rxd4 1.22/25

[Better is 24...Bxd4± 0.53/27 25.Qc2 Be5]

25.Qc2± Loses the game. **25...Qc6** 7.66/23

[25...Rd7± 1.03/22]

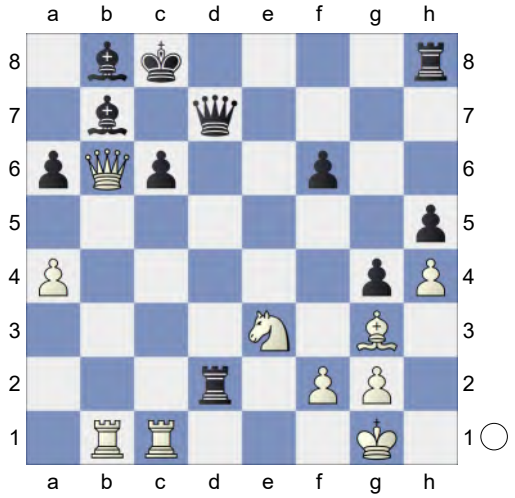
26.Qf5++- White is clearly winning.

26...Qd7 27.Qxa5

[Not 27.Qxf6 Re8+-]

27...Rxd2 28.Rec1 Bb8 29.Qb6 c6

(Diagram)



30.Rxc6+!! Qxc6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.93 **31.Qxc6+**
1-0

181 **C54**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2767**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2832**
Chess.com SpeedChess Final blitz (2.6)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 d6 7.c3 a6 8.Nbd2 Ba7 9.a4 Qe7** 9...Qe7 is better than 9...g5. 9...De7 ist besser als 9...g5.

[9...a5 10.Qe2 Bd7 11.Bb3 Be6 12.Nc4 Rg8 13.0-0-0 g5 14.Bg3 g4 15.Nh4 Nh5 16.Kb1 Qf6 17.Qc2 0-0-0 18.Ne3 Ne7 19.Rhe1 Kb8 20.Rd2 Rg5 21.Qd1 Nxg3 22.hxg3 h5 23.Bc4 d5 24.exd5 4.e5 Ng8 5. Nf3_34629 (2608)-8... Nbd7 (2698) 2009 (6.2) 0-1]

10.b4 -0.14/19

[Better is 10.0-0!± 0.36/21]

10...Be6N 0.28/21

[10...g5 -0.14/19 is more appropriate. 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Nxe5 Nxg3 13.Nxc6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Nxh1+ Italian 5. Nc3 & 5. Bg5-Bg5]

[10...Bd7 11.Rb1 g5 12.Bg3 Nh5 13.b5 axb5 14.axb5 Na5 15.Bd5 Nxg3 16.hxg3 Qf6 17.Qe2 0-0 18.Nh2 c6 19.bxc6 bxc6 20.Ba2 Kg7 21.Ndf1 Rfb8 22.Ne3 Bxe3 23.Qxe3 Be6 24.Qe2 Bxa2 25.Rxb8 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Be3 b6_59305 (2638)-Grube,J (2775) TCh-Superliga 2007 (2) 0-1]

[10...Nd8]

11.0-0= Bxc4!? Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

[11...0-0 12.Rb1 Bxc4 13.Nxc4 Qe6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.b5 axb5 16.Rxb5 Nd8 17.d4 c6 18.Rb1 exd4 19.cxd4 Ne6 20.Nb6 Bxb6 21.Rxb6 Firouzja,A (2737)-Carlsen,M (2830) Norway Chess 12th 2024 (9) ½-½]

12.Nxc4 Qe6 13.b5 Ne7 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Rb1N

[Vorgänger: 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 aiming for b5-b6! 0-0 17.bxa6 bxa6 18.Ne3 0.00/25 *(18.Rc1± 0.42/20)* 18...Qe6 19.Qc2 c6 20.Rfe1 Rfe8 21.Rab1 Yu,Y (2729)-Bachmann,A (2604) ChessKid Cup Div 3 L rapid 2023 (2.1) 1-0]

15...axb5 0.88/22

[15...0-0± 0.41/22 should be considered.]

16.Rxb5± Rb8 17.Qb3 0-0 18.Rxb7 Ng6 19.Rxb8 Rxb8 20.Qd1 0.06/21

[20.Qc2± 0.54/25 was preferrable.]

20...c6 0.65/21

[20...Nf4= 0.06/21]

21.Re1 0.00/24

[21.g3± 0.65/21]

21...Nf4= 22.d4 -0.58/26

[22.Rf1= 0.00/24]

22...exd4 0.00/27

[22...Qe6∓ -0.58/26 23.Ncd2 exd4

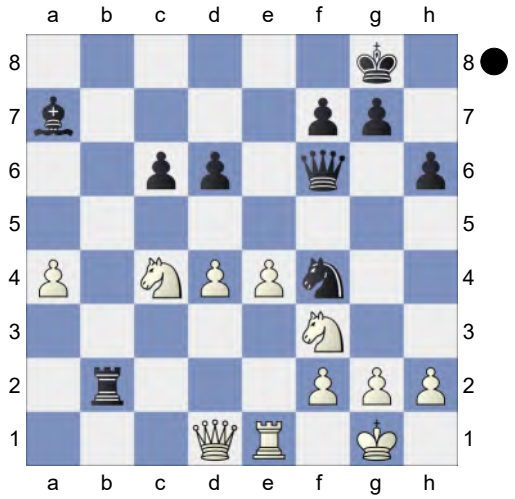
24.cxd4 *(24.Nxd4 Qa2∓)* 24...Qa2]

23.cxd4 Rb4 24.Ne3 Rb2→ Against Qd1-d2. Black mounts an attack.

[24...Bxd4?! 25.Nc2 *(25.Ng4 Qg6∓)* 25...Bxf2+ *(25...Rxa4? 26.Ncxd4 Ra2 27.Nxc6+-; 25...Qg6? 26.g3+-)* 26.Kxf2±]

25.Nc4? -2.34/25

[25.Kf1= 0.00/24]



25...Qg6!-+ 26.g3 Nh3+ 27.Kg2 Rxf2+

[27...Nxf2? 28.Qa1 Nd3+ *(28...Nxe4+? 29.Qxb2 Kh8 30.Qb7+-; 28...Rc2? 29.Na3+-)* 29.Nxb2+-]

28.Kxh3 Black must now prevent g3-g4.

28...Qe6+ 29.g4 Qxc4 30.Kg3 Ra2 31.Qb1? -4.24/20

[31.Re3 -2.10/20]

31...Ra3

[31...Rxa4? 32.Rc1 Qe6 33.h3-+]

[31...Qxa4 32.e5 dxe5 *(32...Bxd4 33.Nxd4 Qa3+ 34.Nf3±)* 33.Rxe5=]

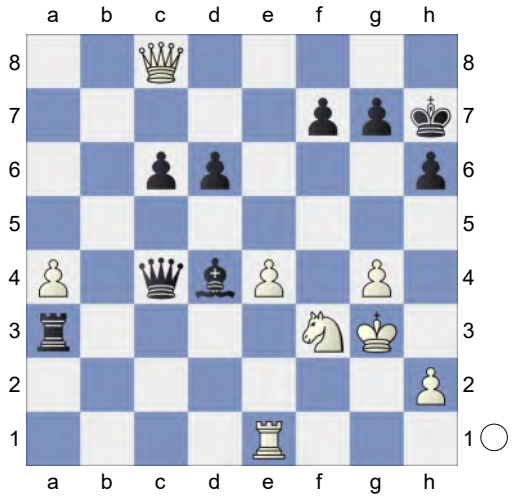
32.Qb7 -6.21/22

[⚟32.Qc1 -4.06/21 Rc3 *(32...Qxa4? 33.Re3∓; 32...Rxa4 33.Qxc4 Rxc4 34.Rd1∓)* 33.Qd1 Bxd4 34.a5]

32...Bxd4

[32...Qxd4 33.Qc8+ Kh7 34.Qf5+ Kg8 35.Qc8+ Kh7 36.Qf5+ g6 37.Qxf7+ Qg7 38.Qe6=]

33.Qc8+ White is weak on the dark squares **33...Kh7**



(→ ...Bd4-e5+) **34.g5 Be5+**

[Not 34...Rxa4 35.g6+ fxg6 36.Ng5+ hxg5 37.Qh3+ Kg8 38.Qc8+ Kf7 39.Qd7+ Kg8 40.Qc8+ Kf7 41.Qd7+ Kf6 42.Qd8+ Kf7 43.Qd7+=]

35.Kg4 h5+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.90/Black=0.11 (very precise)

[35...Rxa4 36.gxh6 gxh6 *(36...Kxh6 37.Qh8+ Kg6 38.Ng5=)* 37.Nxe5 dxe5 38.Kh5=]

0-1

182 **C53**

□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2766**

■ **Le Tuan Minh** **2598**

Titled Tue 10th Jun Late blitz (5) 10.6.25

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.b4N**

[5.d4 exd4 6.0-0 dxc3 7.Nxc3 0-0 8.Bg5 d6 9.Re1 Re8 10.h3 h6 11.Bh4 a6 12.Nd5 Re6 13.Nxc7 Qxc7 14.Bxe6 Bxe6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qd2 Bb4 17.Qxh6 Bxe1 18.Rxe1

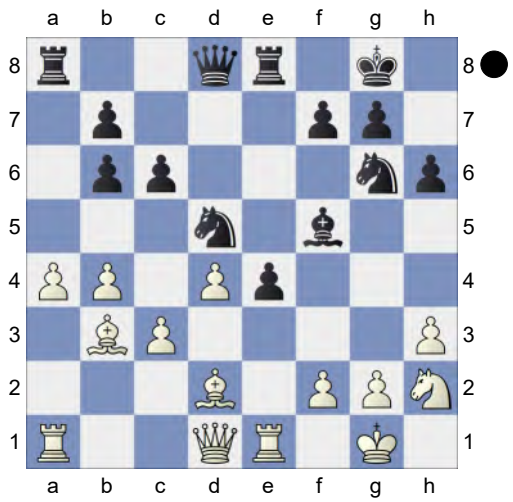
Qe7 19.Qh4 Nb4 1-0 4.♘g5 ♗c5 / 4...d5 5.ed5-Mecking 31/643 London 1980 (11) 20.e5 Nc2 21.Re2 Rc8 22.exf6 Qf8 23.Qg5+ Kh8 24.Qh5+ Kg8 25.Ng5 Bf5 26.Nxf7 Bh7 27.Qg5+ Kxf7 28.Re7+ Qxe7 29.fxe7 Nd4 30.Qd5+ Ne6 31.Qxb7 Rc1+ 32.Kh2 Bg6 33.Qd7 Kf6 34.Qxd6 a5 1-0 4.♘g5 ♗c5 / 4...d5 5.ed5 d-Mecking 31/643 London 1980 (11)]

[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 *(6...exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4 8.d5 Ne7 9.Qa4+ c6 10.Qxb4 Nxe4 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Qxe4 Bf5 14.Qf4 Nd5 15.Qxf5+* Chapter-Games Chapter 2 (1)*)* 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]

5...Bb6 6.d3 d6 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.Bb3 Ne7 9.Nc4 Ng6 The position is equal. **10.a4 c6! 11.Nxb6 axb6 12.0-0 h6 13.Re1 Re8 14.h3 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Bd2 Bf5 17.d4 e4 18.Nh2** -1.09/21

[18.Ne5!= -0.29/21]

(Diagram)



18...Ndf4!∓ Black has more active pieces. **19.Re3** -2.21/21

[19.Nf1∓ -0.85/22]

19...Be6-+ 20.Bc2

[20.Rxe4 Bxb3 21.Rxe8+ Qxe8]

20...f5 21.Rg3 White is weak on the light squares **21...Bc4 22.Kh1 Qd6 23.Nf1 Be2 24.Qe1** -2.16/20

[24.Bxf4 -1.64/20 Nxf4 25.Qd2]

24...Bd3 25.Bb3+ Kh7 26.Ne3 Qf6 27.Bd1? -3.91/19

[27.Nc4 -2.35/20 Bxc4 28.Bxc4]

27...b5 28.a5 Rf8 29.Nf1 Nd5 30.Nh2 -3.55/22

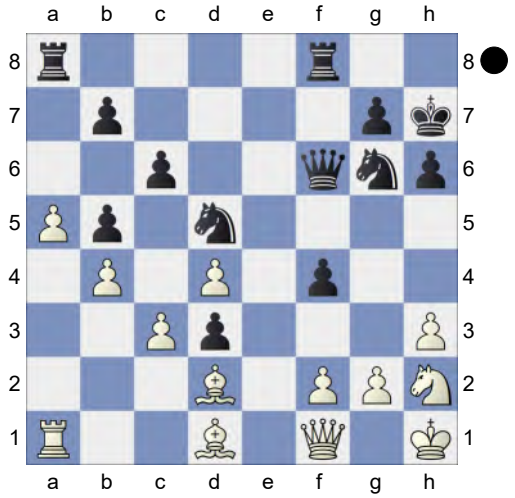
[30.Ne3 -2.21/21 Nc7 *(30...f4 31.Nxd5 cxd5 32.Rxd3=)* 31.Kg1]

30...f4? -0.69/24

[30...Bc4-+ -3.55/22 and ...Nh4 would now be decisive 31.Bh5 Nh4]

31.Rxd3∓ exd3 32.Qf1

(Diagram)



Nh4 -0.14/24
[Better is 32...f3!∓ -1.00/25 33.Bxf3 Qf5]
33.Qxd3+= Qg6 -0.01/22
[33...Qf5∓ -0.40/25 34.Bc2 Kg8]
34.Bc2 And now Qxg6+ would win.
34...Qxd3 35.Bxd3+ Kh8 36.Ng4 g5 0.69/22
[36...Kg8= -0.01/23]
37.Ne5 -0.01/25
[37.Nxh6± 0.69/22 Kg7 38.Ng4]
37...Kg7 38.c4 -0.61/22
[White should try 38.Rc1= -0.07/22]
38...bxc4∓ 39.Bxc4 Nf5! A dynamic duo of knights. **40.b5 Nd6 41.Bxd5 cxd5 42.Bb4 Rfd8 43.Bxd6** -2.31/24
[43.Bc5∓ -0.74/23 was necessary.]
43...Rxd6∓ Endgame KRR-KRN **44.Rc1 Rxa5 45.Rc7+ Kf6 46.Rxb7** -4.40/23
[46.Rf7+ -1.98/24 Ke6 47.Rxb7]
46...Ra4-+ 47.Nf3 h5 -2.58/24
[⌓47...Kf5 -4.46/22 48.Kh2 Rb4]
48.Rb8? -5.44/23
[48.Kh2 -2.58/24 Ra2 49.Rh7]
48...g4 49.hxg4 hxg4 50.Ne5 g3
[50...Rxd4 51.Nxg4+ Ke7 52.Rh8-+]
51.fxg3 fxg3
[Less strong is 51...Rxd4 52.Nf3 Rd1+ 53.Kh2∓]
52.Nf3 Kf5 53.Rf8+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/Black=0.34 **53...Rf6 0-1**

183 **C53**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2766**
■ **Carlsen,M.** **2839**
Esports World Cup 2025 blitz (3.1)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...h6N
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3)]

6.b4 Bb6 7.a4 a6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nbd2 d6 10.h3 Ba7 11.Re1 Ne7 12.Nf1 White is slightly better. **12...Ng6 13.Ng3 c6 14.Bb3 d5 15.exd5**

[15.d4 simplifies Nxe4 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Qxd1 19.Bxd1 Bf5 20.Bg4]

15...Nxd5 16.Bd2 Re8 17.Qc2 Be6 18.Rad1

[18.Nxe5? Nxe5 19.Re4 *(19.Rxe5? Bxf2+* Decoy *20.Kxf2 Qf6+-+)* 19...Ng6-+]

18...Qc7

[18...Nh4 19.Nxe5 Bxh3 20.gxh3 Rxe5 21.Rxe5 Bxf2+ 22.Kxf2 Qf6+]

19.c4 Ndf4 20.Bxf4 Nxf4 21.c5 Bxb3 22.Qxb3 a5

[22...Rad8 keeps more tension. 23.Nf5 Bb8 24.d4 Qd7]

23.d4 -0.99/24

[23.Nf5= 0.18/20]

23...exd4∓ 24.Rxe8+ -1.41/25

[White should play 24.Nf5∓ -0.60/21]

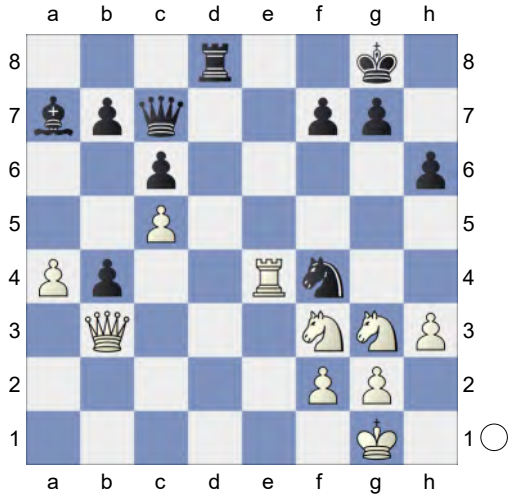
24...Rxe8 25.Rxd4 Rd8 -0.30/21

[25...Ne6∓ -1.60/25 26.Rc4 Rd8]

26.Re4 -1.17/24

[26.Rxd8+= -0.30/21 Qxd8 27.bxa5 Qxa5 28.Qxb7]

26...axb4



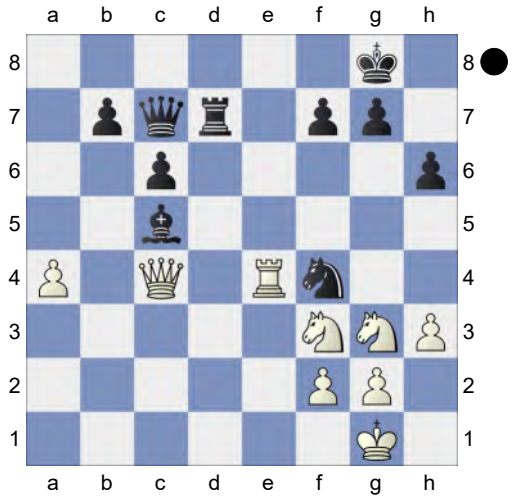
Remove Defender **27.Rxb4 Rd7**

[And not 27...Bxc5 28.Rxb7 Rd3 *(28...Nxh3+? 29.Kf1+-)* 29.Rxc7±]

28.Re4 Black must now prevent Re8+.

28...Bxc5 White does not recover from this. **29.Qc4?** -5.86/26

[29.Re8+∓ -1.02/23 is tougher. Bf8 30.Nf5]



29...Bxf2+! Decoy **30.Kxf2 Nd3+** Deflection **31.Ke3?** -6.66/21

[31.Kg1 -3.79/23 Qxg3 32.Rg4]

31...Qxg3-+ 32.Re8+ Kh7 (→ ...Qf2+) **33.Qe4+ g6 34.Re7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/Black=0.28 (precise) **34...Qf2#**

0-1

184 **C54**

□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2766**

■ **So,Wesley** **2745**

Zagreb Superbet Blitz (8) 05.07.2025

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6**

[5...0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.Re1 h6 8.h3 Prevents Ng4. a5 9.Bb3 Ba7 10.Nbd2 b5 11.a4 b4 12.Bc4 Ne7

13.d4 exd4 14.cxd4 d5 15.e5 -0.01/23 *(15.exd5± 0.39/21 Bb7 16.Nb3)* 15...Nd7= 16.Bf1 -0.24/22 *(⌓16.Ba2 0.22/21)* 16...c5= 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Nd4 Ne4 19.Nxe4 dxe4 ½-½ Firouzja,A (2763)-So,W (2747) Wch Blitz Final 2024 (1.2)]

6.a4 a5

[6...a6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Ba7 9.Nbd2 Qe7 10.h3 g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Qe2 Qf6 13.Bh2 Nf4 14.Bxf4 gxf4 15.g4 Ne7 16.b4 Ng6 17.Kd1 h5 18.g5 Qe7 19.b5 Kf8 20.bxa6 bxa6 21.d4 0-1 Anand,V (2784)-Aronian,L (2792) Zuerich Opening Blitz 5th_19495 2016 (3)]

7.Bg5N

[7.h3 h6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Nf1 Be6 10.Ng3 d5 11.exd5 Bxd5 12.Qb3 e4 13.Bxd5 exf3 14.Bxf3 Qxd3 15.Qb5 Nb4 16.Qxd3 Nxd3+ 17.Kd2 Rad8 18.Kc2 Bxf2 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Bxe4 Ne1+ 21.Kb1 c6 0-1 Veres,E (2596)-Krueger,A (2652) FRA-chT Top 16 Gp Haute 2010 (4.3) 22.Be3 Bg3 23.Bf4 Bf2 24.Be3 Bh4 25.Bb6 Rd2 26.Ka2 Re2 27.Bf3 Nxf3 28.gxf3 Bd8 29.Bc5 Rfe8 30.Rhd1 Bf6 31.Kb3 b5 32.Bd6 Rd8 33.axb5 cxb5 34.Bc7 a4+ 0-1 Santos Ruiz,M (2596)-Korobov,A (2652) ESP-chT CECLUB Honor 2023 (4.3)]

[7.Nbd2 0-0 8.0-0 Be6 9.Qb3 Qd7 10.Re1 h6 11.Nf1 Bxc4 12.Qxc4 Qe6 13.Qxe6 fxe6 14.Be3 Nd7 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 Bb4 17.Rec1 d5 18.Ng3 dxe4 19.Nxe4 Nf6 20.Nc5 Bxc5 21.Rxc5 Nd5 ½-½ Kramer,A (2596)-Pirk,H (2667) cor 1980 (8)]

7...h6 8.Bh4 The position is equal.

8...Bd7!? A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.

9.Nbd2 Qe7 10.0-0 g5 11.Bg3 Ba7 12.Bb5 -0.58/21

[12.d4± 0.38/19]

12...Nh5 -0.06/21

[12...h5∓ -0.58/21 13.h4 *(13.Nxg5? h4-+)* 13...Nh7]

13.d4= exd4 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Nxd4 Ng7 0.44/20

[15...Nxg3= 0.02/21 might be stronger. 16.hxg3 g4]

16.Nc4 0-0 17.Re1

[17.Nxa5? Bxd4 *(17...Qxe4 18.Re1∓)* 18.cxd4 Rxa5-+]

17...f5 18.exf5

[18.Nxa5? Bxd4 *(18...fxe4? 19.Naxc6 Qe8 20.Qb3+ Kh7 21.Qd5+-)* 19.cxd4 Rxa5-+]

18...Qf7 19.Ne3

[19.Nxa5? Bxd4 *(19...Bxf5? 20.Naxc6 Bxd4 21.Re7+-)* 20.Qxd4 Nxf5-+ *(20...Rxa5? 21.Qe4-+)*]

19...Rae8 20.Qd2 Bb6 21.h3 c5 22.Nb5 Excellent horsemanship.

[22.Ng4 Kh7 23.Nf3 *(23.Rxe8 Rxe8 24.Nf3 Bxf5∓)* 23...Nxf5=]

22...Bc6

[22...Bxf5? 23.Nd5+-]

23.c4 Nxf5 24.Nxf5 Qxf5 25.Nc3 h5 1.04/23

[Black should try 25...Rxe1+± 0.35/24 26.Rxe1 h5]

26.f3!± g4? 3.84/27

[26...h4± 0.78/21 is tougher. 27.Rxe8 Rxe8]

27.fxg4+- hxg4 28.h4 Qf6 29.Kh2

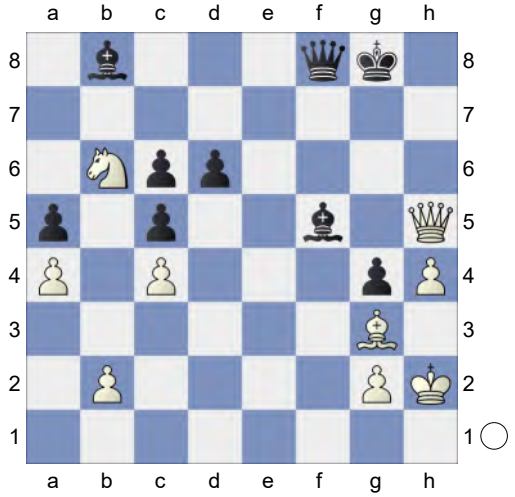
[29.Nd5 Bxd5 30.Qxd5+ Kg7±]

29...Qd4 30.Qg5+ Qg7 31.Qh5 Prevents Qxg5. **31...Ba7** 6.35/23

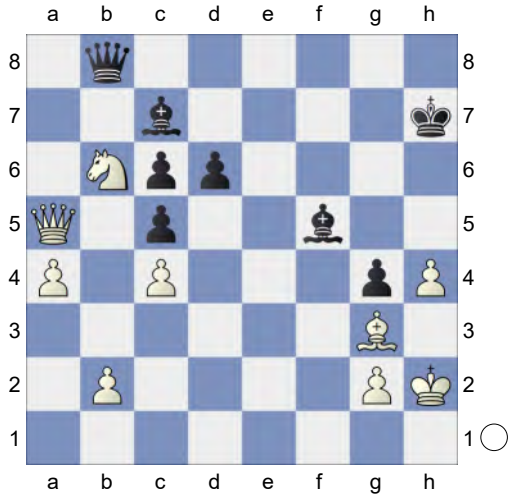
[⌓31...Qf7 4.04/23 32.Qxg4+ Qg7 33.Qxg7+ Kxg7 34.Rxe8 Rxe8]

32.Nd5 Bb8 33.Rf1 Bd7 34.Rxf8+ Deflection **34...Rxf8 35.Re1 Rf7** Repels Ne7+ **36.Re4 c6 37.Nb6!**

Nxd7 is the strong threat. **37...Bf5 38.Re8+ Rf8 39.Rxf8+?** 1.37/26
[39.Qxf5+- 7.58/26 and the rest is easy. Rxe8 40.Nd7]
39...Qxf8± 40.Qg5+ Kh7 2.03/24
[40...Kh8± 1.21/25]
41.Qh5+? 0.01/23
[41.Na8+- 2.03/24]
41...Kg8=



42.Qg5+ -0.01/22
[42.Na8!± 0.78/24]
42...Kh7 43.Qd2? -0.01/20
[Better is 43.Na8+- 1.77/25]
43...Bc7? 4.33/23
[43...d5!= -0.01/20]
44.Qxa5+- Qb8

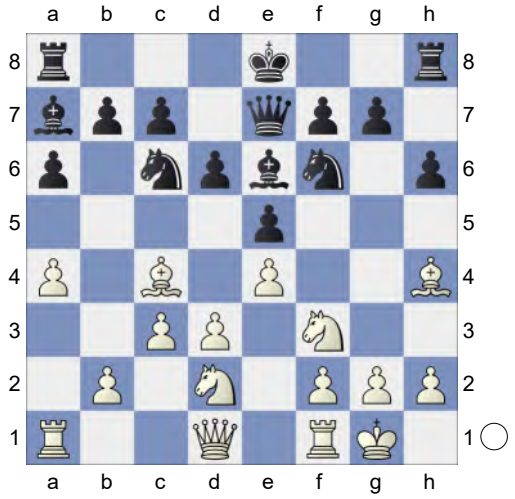


45.Qc3? 0.01/21 **Bxb6=**
[45...Qxb6 46.Qf6 Bg6 47.Qe7+ Kg8 48.Qg5]
46.Qf6 Bg6 47.Bxd6? -1.68/25
[47.h5 Bxh5 48.Qe7+ Kg6]
[47.Qe7+= 0.01/25 Kg8 48.Qg5 *(48.Qe6+ Bf7=)*]
47...Qd8-+ 48.Qxd8 Bxd8 49.Bxc5? -4.98/29
[49.Kg3∓ -1.51/25 nothing else works.]
49...Bc2 -2.87/28
[49...Bxh4 50.a5 Bf5 51.a6∓]
[⌓49...Bc7+ -4.98/29 50.g3 Bd3 *(50...Bc2? 51.a5-+)*]
50.b4? -6.59/28
[50.Kg3 -2.87/28 Bxa4 51.b4]
50...Bc7+ Black is clearly winning.
[50...Bxa4? 51.Kg3∓]
[50...Bxh4 51.a5 Bf5 52.a6∓]
51.g3 Bxa4 52.Kg2 Bb3 53.b5 Bxc4 54.b6 Bb8 55.Kf2 Kg6 56.Be3 Ba6 57.Kg2 Bd6 58.Kf2 c5 59.Bd2 c4 60.Ba5 Kf5 61.Kg2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/Black=0.44 **61...Bc5 0-1**

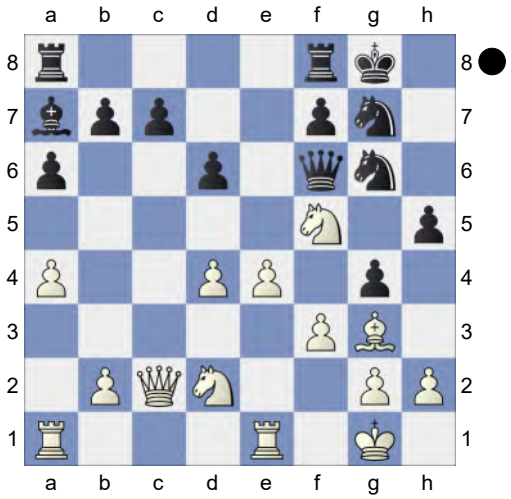
185 **C54**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2766**
■ **Adams,Michael** **2659**
WchT Blitz Final (1.2) 15.06.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 %evp 0,72,26,26,26,26,13,10,12,19,19,-3,-11,2,25,-15,-6,-31,-4,7,15,14,26,26, 26,-5,12,26,37,37,44,-22,35,24,36,47,43,41,55,44,55,52,32,28,28,-32,-36,-31, -12,-89,-87,-97,-66,-104,-122,-142,-105,-156,-80,-163,-139,-139,-139,-130,-149, -197,-156,-181,-149,-244,-164,-208,-295,-303,-331 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.c3**

d6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 a6 8.Nbd2 Qe7
[8...Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.Qb3 Qc8 11.Nc4 0-0 12.Ne3 Qd7 13.Bg3 Nh5 14.Qd1 Nxg3 15.hxg3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Qf7 17.Qe2 Qg6 18.Rh3 Rf7 19.0-0-0 Raf8 20.Qc2 Qg4 21.Rdh1 d5 22.exd5 Nb8 ½-½ Kaasen,T (1554)-Yilmazyerli,M (1574) Jugoslavija 41/224 1986 (5)]
9.a4 Ba7 0.31/23
[9...g5= -0.08/24 10.Bg3 Nh5]
10.0-0N White is slightly better.
[10.h3 g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Qe2 Qf6 13.Bh2 Nf4 14.Bxf4 gxf4 15.g4 Ne7 16.b4 Ng6 17.Kd1 h5 18.g5 Qe7 19.b5 Kf8 20.bxa6 bxa6 21.d4 Kg7 22.d5 Bd7 23.Kc2 Rhb8 24.Bxa6 Bxf2 Reference Games-Anand,V 25.Bb5 Be3 26.h4 Ra5 27.c4 Rba8 28.Kb3 Nf8 29.Rhc1 Bg4 30.Kc2 Bxd2 31.Kxd2 Nd7 32.Ra3 Nc5 33.Bc6 Rb8 34.Ke1 Qd8 35.Qc2 Bxf3 36.Rxf3 Qc8 0-1 Anand,V (2784)-Aronian,L (2792) Zuerich Opening Blitz 5th_19495 2016 (3)]
10...Be6



11.Bd5!N -0.38/25 A top novelty. Eine Top Neuerung. **11...g5∓ 12.Bxe6 Qxe6 13.Bg3 Ne7 14.d4 Ng6** -0.13/21
[14...Nd7∓ -0.60/23]
15.Re1 0-0 0.33/22
[Black should play 15...Nh7∓ -0.48/22]
16.Qc2 Nh5 17.Nf1! g4 18.N3d2 Ng7 19.Ne3 h5 0.18/24
[⌓19...f5 -0.26/25 20.d5 Qf6 21.exf5 Bxe3 22.fxe3 Nxf5]
20.Nf5= Qf6 0.48/23
[20...Ne7= 0.01/24 is more appropriate.]
21.f3!± exd4 22.cxd4



Nxf5
[22...Bxd4+ 23.Nxd4 Qxd4+ 24.Bf2]
23.exf5 Bxd4+ 24.Kh1 A mistake that costs the game. **24...h4?** 1.99/23
[24...Bxb2? 25.Ne4 Qh8 26.Rab1+-]
[24...Ne5= 0.29/22 and Black has nothing to worry.]
25.fxg6+- hxg3 26.Re4 fxg6 4.38/22
[26...Qxg6? 27.Rxg4+- *(27.Qxc7 Bxb2 28.Rxg4 Qxg4=)*]
[26...Qf5 1.88/21]
27.Qc4+
[27.Qxc7 Bxb2 28.Rae1 *(28.Qc4+ Kg7-+)* 28...Rf7∓]
27...Kg7 ...d5 is the strong threat.
28.Qxd4 Qxd4 29.Rxd4 Rh8 30.Nf1
[30.Rxg4? is the wrong capture. Rxh2+ 31.Kg1 Rah8 32.Rxg3 Rh1+ 33.Kf2 Rxa1-+]

30...gxf3 31.Nxg3 fxg2+ 32.Kxg2 Rae8 33.Rc1 Re7 34.b4 Rhe8 35.a5 Rf7 36.Rc2 Re5 37.Rdc4 c6 38.Rd4 d5 3.90/25

[38...Rb5 2.74/22 is a better defense. 39.Ne4 *(39.Rxd6 Rf4+-)* 39...Rf4]

39.Re2 Rxe2+ 40.Nxe2 Endgame KRN-KR **40...Re7 41.Kf3 Re5?** 6.25/22

[41...g5 3.89/25 42.h4 gxh4 43.Rxh4 Kf6]

42.Nf4 White is clearly winning. **42...Re1 43.Nd3 Re7 44.Nc5 Kf6 45.h4 Ke5 46.Rg4 Kf6 47.Rf4+ Kg7 48.Kf2 Kg8 49.Rf6 Kg7 50.Rd6 Kh6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) / Black=0.46 **51.Rd7**

1-0

186 **C50**

□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2766**

■ **Adams,Mi** **2659**

FIDE World Bl Team Final blitz (1.2)

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 %evp 0,72,26,26,26,26,13,10,12,19,19,-3,-11,2,25,-15,-6,-31,-4,7,15,14,26,26, 26,-5,12,26,37,37,44,-22,35,24,36,47,43,41,55,44,55,52,32,28,28,-32,-36,-31, -12,-89,-87,-97,-66,-104,-122,-142,-105,-156,-80,-163,-139,-139,-139,-130,-149, -197,-156,-181,-149,-244,-164,-208,-295,-303,-331 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.c3 d6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 a6 8.Nbd2 Qe7**

[8...Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.Qb3 Qc8 11.Nc4 0-0 12.Ne3 Qd7 13.Bg3 Nh5 14.Qd1 Nxg3 15.hxg3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Qf7 17.Qe2 Qg6 18.Rh3 Rf7 19.0-0-0 Raf8 20.Qc2 Qg4 21.Rdh1 d5 22.exd5 Nb8 ½-½ Kaasen,T (1554)-Yilmazyerli,M (1574) Jugoslavija 41/224 1986 (5)]

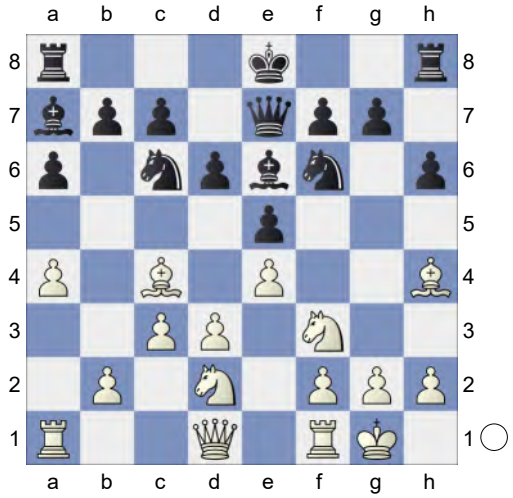
9.a4 -0.04/20

[9.0-0± 0.38/22]

9...Ba7 10.0-0N White has an edge.

[10.h3 g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Qe2 Qf6 13.Bh2 Nf4 14.Bxf4 gxf4 15.g4 Ne7 16.b4 Ng6 17.Kd1 h5 18.g5 Qe7 19.b5 Kf8 20.bxa6 bxa6 21.d4 Kg7 22.d5 Bd7 23.Kc2 Rhb8 24.Bxa6 Bxf2 Reference Games-Anand,V 25.Bb5 Be3 26.h4 Ra5 27.c4 Rba8 28.Kb3 Nf8 29.Rhc1 Bg4 30.Kc2 Bxd2 31.Kxd2 Nd7 32.Ra3 Nc5 33.Bc6 Rb8 34.Ke1 Qd8 35.Qc2 Bxf3 36.Rxf3 Qc8 0-1 Anand,V (2784)-Aronian,L (2792) Zuerich Opening Blitz 5th_19495 2016 (3)]

10...Be6



11.Bd5!N -0.50/21 A top novelty. Eine Top Neuerung. **11...g5∓ 12.Bxe6** -0.83/21

[12.Bxc6+!∓ -0.33/22 bxc6 13.Bg3]

12...Qxe6∓ 13.Bg3 Ne7 14.d4 Ng6 15.Re1 -0.66/19

[15.b4= -0.14/20]

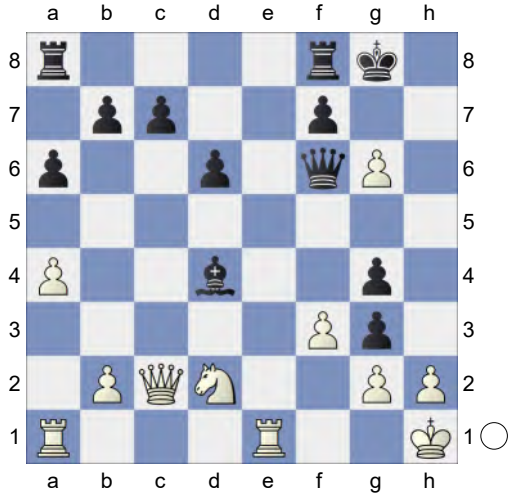
15...0-0 0.23/19

[Better is 15...Nh7!∓ -0.66/19]

16.Qc2 Nh5 17.Nf1 g4 18.N3d2 -0.21/22

[18.Nh4 0.24/24 might be stronger.]

18...Ng7 19.Ne3 h5 20.Nf5 Qf6 21.f3 exd4 22.cxd4 Nxf5
[22...Bxd4+ 23.Nxd4 Qxd4+ 24.Bf2]
23.exf5 Bxd4+ White stays focused until the end. **24.Kh1 h4** 1.76/24
[24...Bxb2? 25.Ne4 Qh8 26.Rab1+-]
[24...Ne5± 0.81/21]
25.fxg6+- hxg3



26.Re4! fxg6? 4.44/23
[26...Qxg6? 27.Rxg4+- *(27.Qxc7 Bxb2 28.Rxg4 Qxg4=)*]
[26...Qf5± 1.60/21 is a better defense.]
27.Qc4+
[Stronger than 27.Qxc7 Rf7 *(27...Bxb2? 28.Rb1-+)* 28.Qc2 Kg7 *(28...Bxb2 29.Rxg4* Discovered Attack, Double Attack *Kh8 30.Ne4+-)* 29.Rxg4 gxh2∓ *(29...Bxb2? 30.Ne4+-)*]
27...Kg7 and ...d5 should not be overlooked **28.Qxd4 Qxd4 29.Rxd4 Rh8 30.Nf1**
[30.Rxg4? too greedy. Rxh2+ 31.Kg1 Rah8 32.Rxg3 Rh1+ 33.Kf2 Rxa1-+]
30...gxf3 31.Nxg3 fxg2+ 32.Kxg2 Rae8 33.Rc1 Re7 34.b4 Rhe8 35.a5 Rf7 36.Rc2 Re5 37.Rdc4 c6 38.Rd4 d5 3.92/23
[⌓38...Rb5 2.75/22 39.Rxd6 Rf4]
39.Re2 Rxe2+ 40.Nxe2 Endgame KRN-KR **40...Re7 41.Kf3 Re5?** 6.11/23
[41...g5 3.33/26 42.h4 Rf7+ 43.Ke3 Re7+ 44.Kd2 Kf6 45.hxg5+ Kxg5]
42.Nf4 White is clearly winning. **42...Re1 43.Nd3 Re7 44.Nc5 Kf6 45.h4 Ke5 46.Rg4 Kf6 47.Rf4+ Kg7 48.Kf2 Kg8 49.Rf6 Kg7 50.Rd6 Kh6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) / Black=0.40 **51.Rd7**
1-0

187 **C53**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2766**
■ **Duda,J.** **2725**
SuperUnited CRO Blitz 2025 (1.3) 5.7.25
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...a5N
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+

26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3)]

6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Bg3 White is slightly better. **8...d6 9.a4 0-0 10.Nbd2 g6 11.h3 Nh5 12.Bh2 Bg5 13.Nf1 Kg7 14.h4 Be7 15.Ne3 Nf6 16.Qb3** 0.01/20

[16.Nd2± 0.51/20]

16...Rb8= 17.0-0-0 Ng4 18.Bg3 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Bf6 20.d4 Qe7 Threatens to win with ...exd4. **21.Nd2** -0.44/21

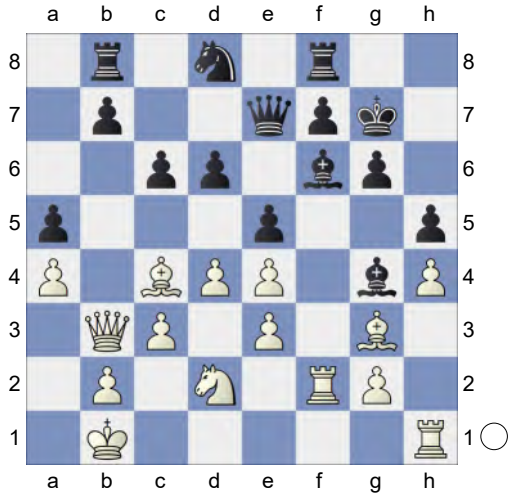
[21.Bd5= 0.01/19 feels stronger. Bd7 22.Rdf1]

21...h5 -0.01/20

[21...Bd7∓ -0.44/21]

22.Rdf1 Bg4 23.Rf2 Nd8 24.Kb1 c6 1.21/22

[24...Bd7= -0.20/19]



25.Qb6 0.31/21

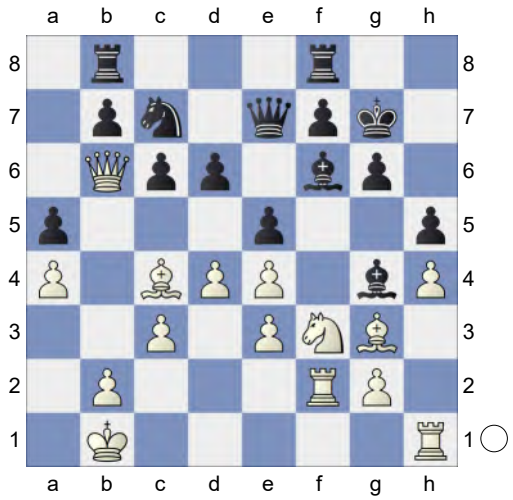
[25.Qa3!± 1.21/22 Threatens to win with Rxf6!. c5 *(25...b5 26.Rhf1±)* 26.dxc5 dxc5 27.Rhf1 Bxh4 28.Bxh4 Qxh4 29.Qxc5]

25...Ne6 26.Nf3 -0.01/19 White has more active pieces.

[White should play 26.Nb3± 0.61/19]

26...Nc7 1.41/20

[26...exd4!= -0.01/19 remains equal. 27.exd4 *(27.Qxa5? dxe3 28.Re2 Ra8-+)* 27...Nc5 28.Bxd6 *(28.dxc5 Qxe4+ 29.Kc1 Qxc4∓)* 28...Qxd6 29.Qxc5 Qg3 *(29...Qxc5 30.dxc5 Rbe8 31.Bd3=)*]



27.Rhf1!±

[27.Qxa5 exd4 28.exd4 Ra8-+ *(28...Qxe4+ 29.Ka2∓)*]

Black cannot hold the game after this.

27...exd4 5.13/22

[27...Be6± 1.53/21 is more resistant. 28.Bd3 Na6]

28.Ng5!+- Be6? 10.63/18

[Reject 28...Na8 29.Qa7+- *(29.Qxa5 Bf5+-)*]

[28...Ne8 3.59/16 29.exd4 Kh8 30.Qxa5 b6]

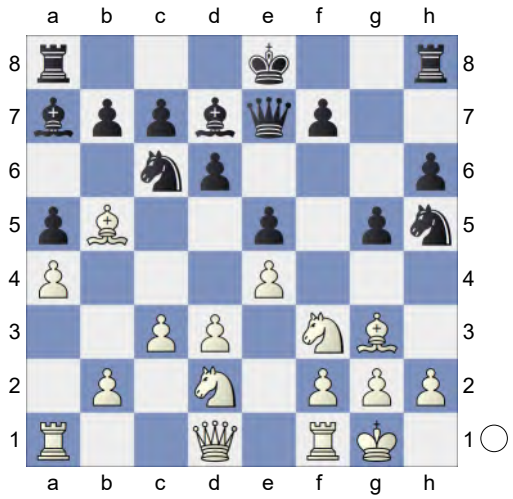
29.Rxf6 White is clearly winning.

29...Bxc4 30.Bxd6 Black is weak on the dark squares **30...Qd7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.88

31.Qxd4
[Not 31.Bxf8+ Rxf8 32.exd4 *(32.Qxd4 Qxd4 33.exd4 Bxf1+-)* 32...Ne8±]
1-0

188 **C53**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2766**
■ **So,W.** **2745**
SuperUnited CRO Blitz 2025 (8.5) 5.7.25
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6**
[5...0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.Re1 h6 8.h3 a5 9.Bb3 Ba7 10.Nbd2 b5 11.a4 b4 12.Bc4 Ne7 13.d4 exd4 14.cxd4 d5 15.e5 Nd7! 16.Bf1 -0.31/23 *(16.Ba2= 0.21/22)* 16...c5∓ 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Nd4
A) 18...Nxa4!∓ -0.46/24 19.Nb5 *(19.N2b3 Bd7)* 19...Nc5 20.Nxa7 Rxa7;
B) 18...Ne4 0.01/22 19.Nxe4= dxe4 ½-½ Firouzja,A (2763)-So,W (2747) Wch Blitz Final 2024 (1.2)]
6.a4 a5
[6...a6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Ba7 9.Nbd2 Qe7 10.h3 g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Qe2 Qf6 13.Bh2 Nf4 14.Bxf4 gxf4 15.g4 Ne7 16.b4 Ng6 17.Kd1 h5 18.g5 Qe7 19.b5 Kf8 20.bxa6 bxa6 21.d4 0-1 Anand,V (2784)-Aronian,L (2792) Zuerich Opening Blitz 5th_19495 2016 (3)]
7.Bg5N
[7.h3 h6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Nf1 Be6 10.Ng3 d5 11.exd5 Bxd5 12.Qb3 e4 13.Bxd5 exf3 14.Bxf3 Qxd3 15.Qb5 Nb4 16.Qxd3 Nxd3+ 17.Kd2 Rad8 18.Kc2 Bxf2 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Bxe4 Ne1+ 21.Kb1 c6 0-1 Veres,E (2596)-Krueger,A (2652) FRA-chT Top 16 Gp Haute 2010 (4.3) 22.Be3 Bg3 23.Bf4 Bf2 24.Be3 Bh4 25.Bb6 Rd2 26.Ka2 Re2 27.Bf3 Nxf3 28.gxf3 Bd8 29.Bc5 Rfe8 30.Rhd1 Bf6 31.Kb3 b5 32.Bd6 Rd8 33.axb5 cxb5 34.Bc7 a4+ 0-1 Santos Ruiz,M (2596)-Korobov,A (2652) ESP-chT CECLUB Honor 2023 (4.3)]
[7.Nbd2 0-0 8.0-0 Be6 9.Qb3 Qd7 10.Re1 h6 11.Nf1 Bxc4 12.Qxc4 Qe6 13.Qxe6 fxe6 14.Be3 Nd7 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 Bb4 17.Rec1 d5 18.Ng3 dxe4 19.Nxe4 Nf6 20.Nc5 Bxc5 21.Rxc5 Nd5 ½-½ Kramer,A (2596)-Pirk,H (2667) cor 1980 (8)]
7...h6 8.Bh4 The position is equal.
8...Bd7!? A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
9.Nbd2 Qe7 10.0-0 g5 11.Bg3 Ba7 12.Bb5 -0.35/22
[12.Rb1= 0.15/18]
12...Nh5 0.01/21
[12...h5∓ -0.35/22 13.h4 *(13.Nxg5? h4-+)* 13...gxh4 14.Bxh4 Rh6]



13.d4N -0.55/23
[13.Nc4 -0.76/20 13.Kh1 0.12 Nxg3!

14.hxg3 h5! Threatens to win with ... h4. 15.Qd2 -1.44/23 *(15.Qb3 -0.76/20)* 15...h4∓ 16.g4 h3 -1.01/22 *(⌓16...Bxg4 -1.50/21 17.Nxa5 Bd7 18.Nxc6 bxc6)* 17.g3 -1.57/21 *(17.Qxg5 -1.01/22 Qxg5 18.Nxg5)* 17...h2+!∓ 18.Nxh2? -5.74/24 *(18.Kh1∓ -1.45/20)* 18...Qf6-+ (→ ...Qh6) 19.Kg2 Rxh2+! 20.Kxh2 Bxg4 0-1 Ritviz,P (2363)-Mendonca,L (2643) Tashkent Agzamov Memorial 18th 2025 (3)]

[13.Kh1!= 0.01/21]

13...exd4 0.08/22

[13...Nxg3∓ -0.55/23 14.hxg3 g4 *(14...exd4 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Nxd4=)*]

14.Bxc6= bxc6 15.Nxd4 Ng7 16.Nc4 0-0 17.Re1

[17.Nxa5? Bxd4 *(17...Qxe4 18.b4∓)* 18.Qxd4 Rxa5-+]

17...f5 18.exf5

[18.Nxa5? Bxd4 *(18...fxe4? 19.Naxc6 Qf7 20.Nxa7+-)* 19.cxd4 Rxa5-+]

18...Qf7 19.Ne3

[19.Nxa5? Bxd4 *(19...Bxf5? 20.Naxc6 Bxd4 21.Nxd4+-)* 20.cxd4 Rxa5-+]

19...Rae8 20.Qd2 Bb6 21.h3 c5 22.Nb5 A dynamic duo of knights.

[22.Ng4 Kh7 23.Nf3 *(23.Rxe8 Rxe8 24.Nf3 Bxf5∓)* 23...Nxf5=]

22...Bc6

[22...Bxf5? 23.Nd5+-]

23.c4 Nxf5 24.Nxf5 Qxf5 25.Nc3 0.21/23 Against Re4

[25.Rad1± 0.60/22 feels stronger.]

25...h5 1.21/22

[25...Kf7= 0.21/23]

26.f3!± g4? 4.02/25

[26...h4± 0.87/21 is tougher. 27.Rxe8 Rxe8]

27.fxg4 hxg4 28.h4 Qf6 29.Kh2

[29.Nd5 Bxd5 30.Qxd5+ Kg7±]

29...Qd4 30.Qg5+ Qg7 31.Qh5 Against Qxg5 **31...Ba7 32.Nd5 Bb8 33.Rf1 Bd7 34.Rxf8+** Deflection **34...Rxf8 35.Re1 Rf7** Inhibits Ne7+. **36.Re4 c6 37.Nb6 Bf5 38.Re8+ Rf8 39.Rxf8+?** 1.54/26

[39.Qxf5+- 7.60/26 is the precise move to win. Rxe8 40.Nd7]

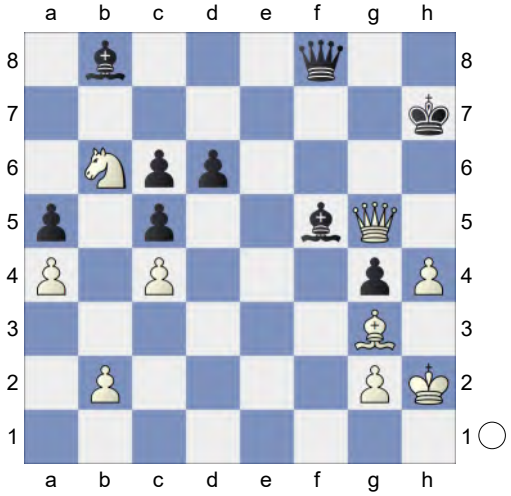
39...Qxf8 40.Qg5+ Kh7 41.Qh5+? -0.01/24

[White has to play 41.Na8!+- 1.79/24]

41...Kg8= 42.Qg5+ -0.01/22

[Better is 42.Na8!± 0.84/25]

42...Kh7



43.Qd2? 0.01/22

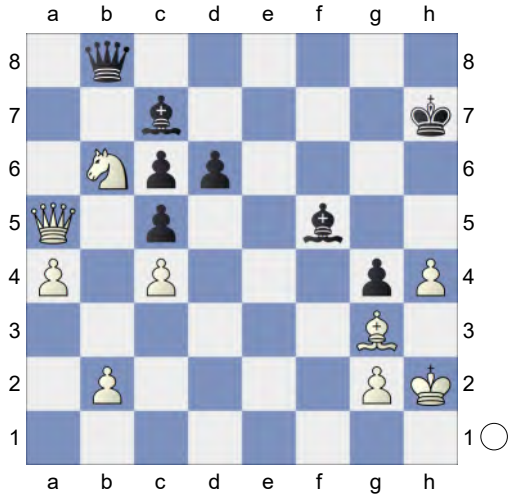
[43.Na8!+- 1.88/24]

43...Bc7? 4.09/24

[43...d5!= 0.01/22 and Black has nothing to worry.]

44.Qxa5+- Qb8

(Diagram)



45.Qc3? 0.01/20 **Bxb6=**
[45...Qxb6 46.Qf6 Bg6 47.Qe7+ Kg8 48.Qg5]
46.Qf6 Bg6 47.Bxd6 -1.27/27
[47.h5 Bxh5 48.Qe7+ Kg6∓]
[47.Qe7+= 0.01/25 remains equal. Kg8 48.Qg5 *(48.Qe6+ Bf7∓)*]
47...Qd8∓ 48.Qxd8 Bxd8 49.Bxc5? -5.06/28
[49.Kg3∓ -1.25/25 was the crucial defense.]
49...Bc2
[49...Bxh4 50.a5 Bf5 51.a6∓]
50.b4? -5.24/30
[50.Kg3 -2.99/27 was called for. Bxa4 51.Kxg4]
50...Bc7+-+
[Less strong is 50...Bxh4 51.a5 Bf5 52.a6∓]
51.g3 -6.80/27
[⌓51.Kg1 -4.20/29 Bxa4 52.Kf2]
51...Bxa4 Black is clearly winning.
52.Kg2 Bb3 53.b5 Bxc4 54.b6 Bb8 55.Kf2 Kg6 56.Be3 Ba6 57.Kg2 Bd6 58.Kf2 c5 59.Bd2 c4 60.Ba5 Kf5 61.Kg2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/Black=0.41 **61...Bc5**
0-1

189 **C50**
□ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2763**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2805**
Bucharest Superbet Classic 4th (7)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4** Kitty Kat John Watson Kitty Kat **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6**
[RR 4...Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 0-0 7.h3 h6 8.Re1 a6 9.a4 a5 10.Nbd2 Be6 11.b3 Re8 12.Bb2 d5 13.Bb5 dxe4 14.dxe4 Nh5 15.Nc4 Qf6 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Ncxe5 Bxh3 18.Nd3 Qg6 19.Nh4]
5.a4N
[5.Be3 Bb6 *(5...Bxe3 6.fxe3 Nh6 7.0-0 Na5 8.Nbd2 Nxc4 9.Nxc4 0-0 10.d4 b5 11.Ncd2 Re8 12.d5 g5 13.Qe1 Kh8 14.Qg3 Rg8 15.Rae1 Ng4 16.h3 Nh6 17.Nh2 f5 18.exf5 Nxf5 19.Qf2 Bd7 20.e4* Loyd, S-Arnous de Riviere,J Paris Congres International 1867 0-1 0-1 Loyd,S-Arnous de Riviere,J Paris Congres International 1867 0-1 Loyd, S-Arnous de Riviere,J Paris Congres International 1867 Loyd, S-Arnous de Riviere,J Paris Congres International 1867 0-1 0-1 Loyd,S-Arnous de Riviere,J Paris Congres International 1867*)* 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Qd2 Bg4 8.Nd5 Nxd5 9.Bxd5 0-0 10.c3 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Qf6 12.f4 Bxe3 13.fxe3 Ne7 14.Bb3 a5 15.0-0 a4 16.Bc2 a3 17.b4 c5 18.fxe5 Qxe5 19.bxc5 Qxc5 Machate,G-Bogoljubow, E Bad Elster Olympia Trainingsturnier 1936 (1) 0-1 0-1 Machate,G-Bogoljubow,E Bad Elster Olympia Trainingsturnier 1936 (1) 0-1 Machate, G-Bogoljubow,E Bad Elster Olympia

Trainingsturnier 1936 (1) Machate,G-Bogoljubow,E Bad Elster Olympia Trainingsturnier 1936 (1) 0-1 0-1 Machate,G-Bogoljubow,E Bad Elster Olympia Trainingsturnier 1936 (1)]

[5.h3 h6 6.c3 Qf6 7.Nbd2 a6 8.Bb3 Be6 9.0-0 Nge7 10.Re1 0-0 11.Nf1 Bb6 12.Be3 d5 13.Bxb6 cxb6 14.Ng3 Rfd8 15.Qc2 Rac8 16.Qb1 Bxh3 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.d4 N5g6 19.gxh3 Qh4 76: Black]

[RR 5.c3 Bb6 6.0-0 *(RR 6.0-0 h6 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Bb3 a5 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 20.Nb1 Ne4)* 6...h6 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Bb3 a5 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3 *(RR 13.a4 Rf7 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 Qd7 16.Nh4 Rd8 17.Ng6 b6 18.Nd2 Qe8 19.Rg3)* 13...Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 Gazi,M (2785)-Sudgen,J (2760) Internet 2023 CHECK99 [John Watson] 0-1 (72)]

[RR 5.c3 Bb6 6.a4 a6 *(RR 6...Nf6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3)* 7.b4 h6 8.h3

A) RR 8...Nf6 9.g4 *(RR 9.Nbd2)* 9...0-0 *(RR 9...d5 10.exd5 Nxd5)* 10.g5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 Na7 *(RR 11...a5)* 12.a5 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 b6 14.Qg1 bxa5;

B) 8...Nge7 9.Nbd2 Ng6 10.Nf1 *(RR 10.0-0 Nf4 11.a5 Ba7 12.Nb3)* 10...0-0 11.Ng3 Be6 12.Qb3 Bxc4 13.Qxc4 Nce7 14.0-0 Qd7 15.Be3 d5 16.Qb3 Bxe3 17.fxe3 Rad8 18.Rad1 dxe4 19.dxe4 Qe6 Firouzja,A (2744)-Caruana,F (2796) Zagreb 2024 Mega2024 Update 37 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (58) *(RR 19...Qc6)*]

5...a5N

[RR 5...Nf6 6.a5 a6 7.c3 h6 8.0-0 0-0 9.b4 *(RR 9.h3 Ba7 10.Be3 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Bxa7 Rxa7 13.Re1 Nf4 14.Nxe5 Qg5 15.Ng4 Nxa5 16.Ba2 h5 17.Ne3 Bxh3 18.Qf3 Be6 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Nf1 Nb3 21.Ra3 Nc5 22.d4 Ncd3 23.Re4 Nxf2)* 9...Ba7 10.Be3 Bxe3 11.fxe3 Be6 *(RR 11...b5 12.axb6 cxb6)* 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Nbd2 *(RR 13.h3)* 13...d5 14.Qb3

A) RR 14...dxe4 15.dxe4 *(RR 15.Qxe6+ Kh7;* RR *15.Nxe4 Qxd3 16.Nc5 Qd5)* 15...Qd3;

B) 14...Kh8 15.Rad1 Qe7 16.Qb1 dxe4

B1) RR 17.Nh4 Qe8 18.Nxe4 *(RR 18.dxe4 Ne7)*;

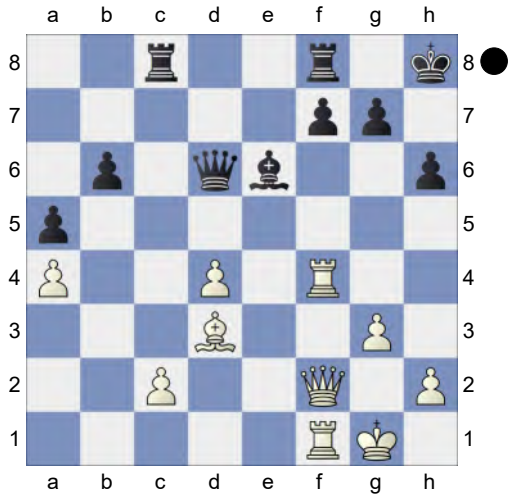
B2) 17.dxe4 b5 *(RR 17...b6)* 18.Nb3 Nd7 19.Rd2 *(RR 19.Qc2)* 19...Rae8 *(RR 19...Rac8)* 20.Qe1 Wei,Y (2762)-Yakubboev,N (2655) Almaty KAZ 2024 Mega2024 Update 40 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (43) RR Kh7]

6.Nc3 h6 7.Be3 Bb4 8.0-0 White is slightly better. **8...Bxc3 9.bxc3 Nf6 10.Nd2 0-0 11.f4 Be6 12.Bb5** next f4-f5 is good for White. **12...Ng4 13.Qe1 Nxe3 14.Qxe3 exf4 15.Rxf4 Ne5 16.d4 Ng6 17.Rf2 Qg5 18.Nf1 Rad8 19.Rb1 b6 20.g3 Ne7 21.Qe2 Bg4 22.Qd3 Kh8 23.Ne3 Bh3 24.Qd2 d5 25.exd5** -0.29/23

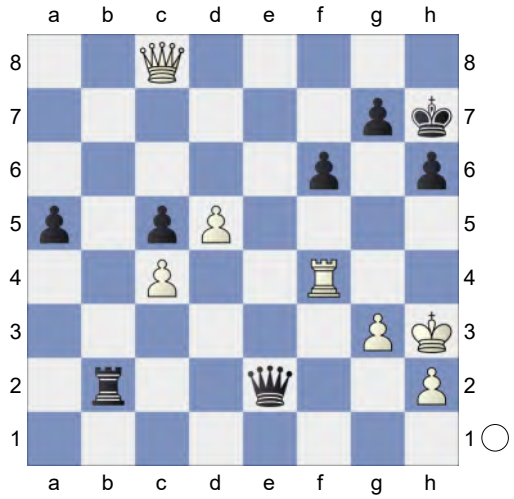
[White should try 25.Nxd5 0.30/21 Nxd5 26.Qxg5 hxg5 27.exd5 Rxd5 28.Re1]

25...Nxd5= 26.Re1 c5 27.Nxd5 Qxd5 28.Rf4 Qd6 29.Qf2 Be6 30.Bd3 Rfe8

31.Rfe4 Rf8 32.Rf4 Rde8 33.Rb1 Rc8 34.Rf1 cxd4 35.cxd4



Bc4! 36.Qe3 -0.98/22
[36.Qf3∓ -0.58/21 is more appropriate.]
36...f6 -0.52/22
[36...Rfe8∓ -0.98/22 37.Qd2 Re7]
37.Rb1∓ Bxd3 -0.04/22
[37...Rfd8∓ -0.48/21 should be considered.]
38.Qxd3= Qc6 39.d5 Qc5+ 40.Rf2 Rfe8 41.Rb5 Qd6 42.Qd4
[42.c4 feels hotter. Re1+ 43.Kg2 Rce8 44.Qd4]
42...Rc5
[42...Re1+ is interesting. 43.Kg2 Rc5 44.c4 Rxb5 45.cxb5 Kg8]
43.Rxc5 bxc5 Endgame. KQR-KQR
44.Qd3 Qd7 45.Rf4 Re5 46.c4 Qxa4 47.Rf1 Qd7 48.Rb1 Re8 49.Qa3 -0.98/23
[49.Rb6∓ -0.45/21]
49...Qe7 Threatens to win with ... Qe7-e4. Threatens to win with ...Qe7-e4. Threatens to win with ...Qe7-e4. Threatens to win with ... Qe7-e4. Threatens to win with ...Qe7-e4. **50.Rf1 Ra8 51.Qa4** -1.91/24
[51.Qd3∓ -0.74/22 might work better.]
51...Qe3+ 52.Kg2 -2.03/25
[52.Rf2∓ -1.53/26 was called for.]
52...Rb8 53.Rf2 Prevents Rb8-b2
53...Qe4+ 54.Kh3 Rb4 -0.59/25
[54...Kg8∓ -1.37/22 55.Qc6 h5 *(55...Qxc4 56.Qe6+ Kh8 57.Rxf6=)*]
55.Rf4 -1.05/25
[55.Qc6∓ -0.59/25]
55...Qe2 -0.64/25
[55...Qe5∓ -1.05/25 56.Qd7 Rb2]
56.Qd7 Rb2 0.01/23
[Of course not 56...Rxc4 57.Qc8+ Kh7 58.Qf5+ Kh8 59.Qc8+ Kh7 60.Qf5+ Kh8 61.Qc8+=]
[56...Rb8!∓ -0.50/25 57.d6 a4]
57.Qc8+ The position is equal. **57...Kh7 58.Qf5+ Kg8 59.Qc8+ Kh7⇄**
[59...Kf7!? 60.Qc7+□ Kg8 61.Qc8+ Kf7 62.Qc7+ Ke8 63.Qc8+ *(63.Qxc5* is a self mate. *Qh5+* Skewer *64.Rh4 Qf5+ 65.Rg4 Qf1+* Deflection *66.Kh4 Rxh2#)* 63...Kf7=]



(→ ...h6-h5). Black is not holding back
60.Qf5+ Kg8
[60...Kh8!? 61.Qc8+□ Kh7=]
61.Qc8+ Kh7= 62.Qf5+ Kg8
Weighted Error Value: White=0. 15 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)
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[62...Kh8!? 63.Qc8+□ Kh7=]
½-½

190 **C50**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2763**
■ **Lazavik,Denis** **2566**
CCT Final Playoff 2023 rapid (6.1)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4** Kitty Kat Kitty Kat John Watson **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Be7 7.Bg3 d6 8.a4 0-0 9.Nbd2**
[RR 9.a5 Be6 10.Bxe6 *(RR 10.Nbd2 Bxc4 11.Nxc4 b5 12.axb6 axb6 13.Rxa8 Qxa8 14.0-0 Qa2 15.Qc1 Nh5 16.Ne3 Nxg3 17.hxg3)* 10...fxe6
A) RR 11.c3 b5 12.Qb3 Qd7 13.0-0 a6 14.Nbd2 Nh5 15.Rfd1 g5 16.h3 Nf4 17.Bxf4 Rxf4 18.d4 Raf8 19.d5 Nd8 20.Nf1 h5 21.Ne3 g4 22.hxg4 hxg4 23.Nh2 Rxf2 24.Nexg4 R2f4 25.c4 bxc4;
B) 11.0-0 b5 12.axb6 axb6 13.Nc3 Qd7 14.Qd2 Nd4 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Ne2 e5 17.c3 c5 18.cxd4 cxd4 19.Qb4 b5 20.Qb3+ Kh7 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.h3 Rc8 *(RR 22...Rf8)* 23.f4 Nh5 Caruana,F (2794)-Carlsen,M (2830) Toronto 2023 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (66) *(RR 23...Rc5)*;
C) 11.c3 b5 12.Qb3 Qd7 13.0-0 a6 14.Nbd2 Nh5 15.Rfd1 g5 16.h3 Nf4 17.Bxf4 Rxf4 18.d4 Raf8 19.d5 Nd8 20.Nf1 h5 21.Ne3 g4 22.hxg4 hxg4 23.Nh2 Rxf2 Caruana,F (2794)-Carlsen,M (2830) CCT Finals KO 2023 (1.9) 1-0 Caruana,F (2794)-Carlsen,M (2830) CCT Finals KO 2023 (1.9) 1-0 1-0 Caruana,F (2794)-Carlsen, M (2830) CCT Finals KO 2023 (1. 9)]
[RR 9.h3
A) RR 9...a5 10.0-0 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.c3 Qd7 13.Nbd2 Rf7 14.Nc4 b6 15.Bxe5 dxe5 16.Ncxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qe8 18.Nxf7 Qxf7 19.Qe2 h5 20.g3 c5 21.Kg2 Qg6 22.e5 Nd5 23.Qe4 Kh7 24.h4;
B) RR 9...Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.0-0;
C) RR 9...Re8 10.0-0 Bf8 11.c3 Be6 12.Nbd2 Qd7 13.Re1 Rad8 14.Bh4 Be7 15.a5 a6 16.Bg3 Bf8 17.b4;
D) 9...Kh8 10.a5 a6 *(RR 10...Nh5)* 11.0-0 Nh7 12.Nc3 f5 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.Nd5 Nf6 15.Re1 Nxd5 16.Bxd5 Qd7 17.c3 Bf6
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D2) 18.Be4 Rae8 19.Qb3 Nd8 20.Bxf5 Qxf5 21.Re3 Qe6 22.Qa4 Qf7 23.Rae1 Re7 So,W (2757)-Lazavik,D (2578) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 40 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (46)

*(*RR *23...Nc6)*;

E) 9...a5 10.0-0 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.c3 Qd7 13.Nbd2 Rf7 14.Nc4 b6 15.Bxe5 dxe5 16.Ncxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qe8 18.Nxf7 Qxf7 19.Qe2 h5 20.g3 c5 21.Kg2 Qg6 22.e5 Nd5 23.Qe4 Kh7 Santos Latasa,J (2659)-Anand,V (2749) XXXVII Magistral de León 2024 (2.3) 0-1 Santos Latasa,J (2659)-Anand,V (2749) XXXVII Magistral de León 2024 (2.3) 0-1 0-1 Santos Latasa,J (2659)-Anand,V (2749) XXXVII Magistral de León 2024 (2.3)]

9...Kh8 10.c3 Ng8N

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11.a5 a6 12.Qb3 f5 13.exf5 Bf6! 14.Be6 Nge7 15.Ne4 Nxf5 16.Bxc8 Qxc8 17.0-0 Be7 18.Rfe1 Rb8 19.Qa4 d5 20.Ned2 Nxg3 21.hxg3 Qf5 22.Nf1 Bc5 23.Ne3 -0.59/21

[23.Rad1= -0.01/21]

23...Qxd3∓ 24.Rad1 Qe4 25.Qxe4 -0.77/21

[25.b4!= 0.01/23 Ba7 26.Nxd5]

25...dxe4∓ 26.Nh4

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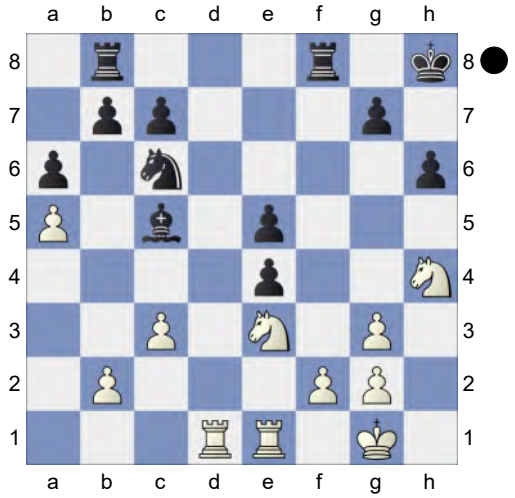


Nh4-g6+ is the strong threat. **26...Rf7** 0.12/23

[Black should play 26...Kg8∓ -0.80/23 And now ...Bc5xe3! would win. 27.Nef5 Rbd8 *(27...Nxa5 28.b4+-)* 28.Rxd8 *(28.b4 Ba7∓)* 28...Rxd8]

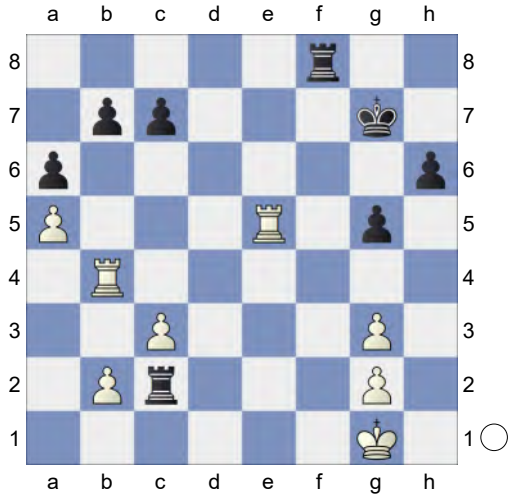
27.Rd5 -0.27/23

[27.g4! 0.12/23 deserves consideration.]

27...Ba7= 28.Nd1 g5 -0.04/22

[Black should try 28...Rf6∓ -0.63/22 29.Rxe4 Kg8]

29.Ng6+ Kg7 30.Nxe5 Nxe5 31.Rxe5 Rbf8 Strongly threatening ...Rf7xf2. **32.R1xe4 Bxf2+ 33.Nxf2 Rxf2** Endgame. KRR-KRR **34.Rb4 Rc2**



...Rf8-f2 would now be deadly. **35.Re7+ Kg6! 36.Re6+**

[36.Rxb7? too greedy. Rff2 37.Rexc7 Rxg2+ 38.Kf1 Kh5-+ *(38...Rxg3 39.Rc6+ Kh5 40.Rbb6=)*]

36...Rf6 0.78/25

[36...Kf7= -0.01/29 37.Re3 *(37.Rxh6 Kg7∓)* 37...Rd8]

37.Rxf6+± Kxf6 38.Rxb7 KR-KR **38...Kf5 39.Rb4 h5 40.Kh2 Ke5 41.Rc4 Rxb2 42.Rc5+ Kf6** The position is equal. **43.Rxc7** Black must now prevent Rc7-a7. **43...Rc2 44.g4 hxg4 45.c4 Kf5 46.Rf7+ Kg6 47.Ra7 Rxc4 48.Rxa6+ Kf5 49.Ra8 Ra4 50.a6** Hoping for a6-a7. **50...Kf6 51.Kg3 Kg6 52.a7 Kg7** Wards off Ra8-g8+. Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.11 (very precise) Wards off Ra8-g8+. Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.11 (very precise) Wards off Ra8-g8+. Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.11 (very precise)

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□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2762**

■ **Le Tuan Minh** **2598**

chess.com SpeedChess 2025 (1.13)

[Kitty Kat]

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[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D

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5...d6N

[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3)]

6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1 Bb6 8.Nbd2 Ng4 9.Re2 Kh8 The position is equal. **10.h3** Prevents f5. **10...Nh6 11.Bd5 f5 12.Nc4 fxe4** 0.37/23

[12...f4= -0.01/22]

13.Rxe4± Ne7 14.Bg5

[14.Nxb6 simplifies axb6 15.Bb3 Bd7 16.d4]

14...Qe8 15.Nxb6 axb6 16.Bb3 A strong pair of Bishops. **16...Ng6 17.d4 Bf5** 0.91/22

[17...Nf7± 0.40/23]

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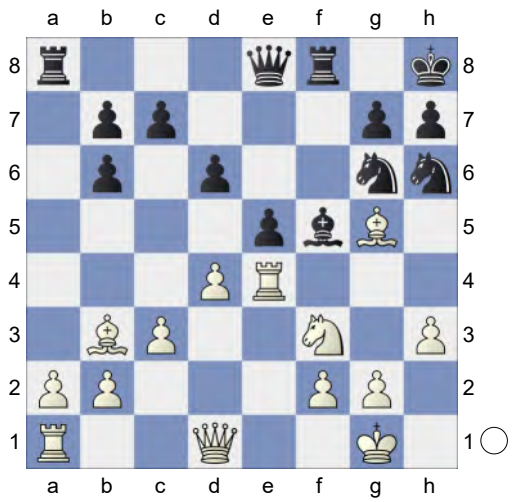


18.Re1 0.48/22

[18.Re3!± 0.91/22]

18...Nf7 19.Be3 Qd7 20.Bd5 Rae8! 21.dxe5

[21.Bxb7 e4±]

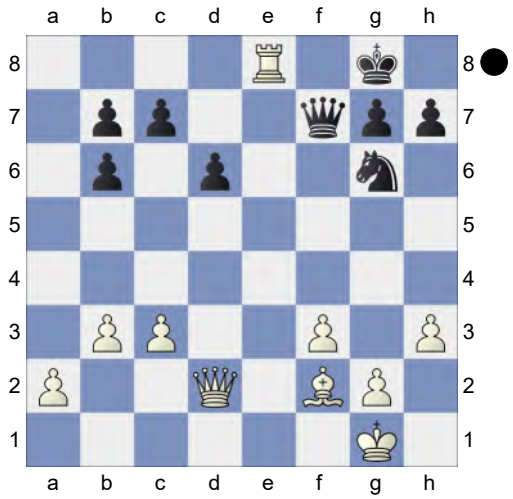
21...Nfxe5 22.Nxe5 Nxe5 23.Bd4 Nc6 24.Qd2 Be6 25.Be4 Bf5 26.Bd5 -0.01/22

[26.Bf3± 0.60/21]

26...Be6!= 27.Bxe6 Rxe6 28.Rxe6 Qxe6 29.Be3 Ne5 30.b3 Ng6 31.Re1 Re8 32.f3 Black cannot hold the game after this. **32...Kg8?** 4.98/24

[Black should play 32...Qf5± 0.40/22]

33.Bf2+- Qf7 34.Rxe8+



Deflection **34...Qxe8** Endgame KQB-KQN **35.Qd5+ Qf7 36.Qxb7 h5 37.c4**

Nf4 38.Qa8+ Kh7 39.Qe4+ g6 40.b4 d5 41.cxd5 Nxd5 42.a4 Nc3 43.Qc6 Ne2+ 44.Kf1 Nf4 45.Bg3 Nd5 46.Be5 h4 47.Kg1 g5 48.a5 Nxb4 49.Qe4+
[Weaker is 49.Qxc7 Qxc7 50.Bxc7 bxa5+-]
49...Kh6 50.Qxb4 Hoping for a6.
50...Qd5 51.Qf8+ Kh5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) / Black=0.66 **52.Qh8+**
1-0

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□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2762**
■ **Le Tuan Minh** **2598**
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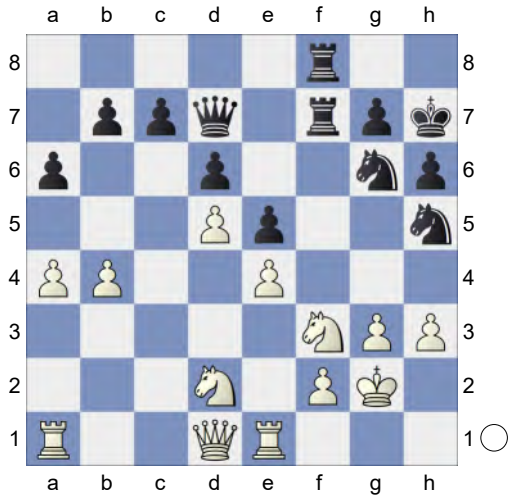
6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1 h6 8.Nbd2 a6 9.a4 Ba7 The position is equal. **10.Nf1 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Nxe3** -0.06/21
[13.Rxe3± 0.38/19 Qe8 14.Ng3]
13...Qe8 14.b4 Kh7 15.g3 Qd7 16.Kg2 Rf7 17.Nf1 Raf8 18.N1d2 Ne7 19.d4 Ng6 20.h3 exd4 21.cxd4 e5 22.d5 -0.41/21
[22.dxe5= -0.01/21 Nxe5 23.Ra3]
22...Nh5 1.06/23
[22...Ne7∓ -0.41/21 keeps the upper hand.]



23.Ng5+!± Discovered Attack **23...hxg5 24.Qxh5+ Kg8 25.Re2**
[25.Qxg6? Rxf2+ 26.Kg1 R8f6-+ *(26...Rxd2 27.Rf1=; 26...Qxh3? 27.Qe6+ Qxe6 28.dxe6-+)*]
25...Rf6 26.Qg4 Qf7 27.f3
[27.Qxg5 Nf4+ *(27...Rxf2+? 28.Rxf2*

Qxf2+ 29.Kh1-+) 28.gxf4 Rg6-+]

27...Ne7 0.94/23 Wards off b5

[27...c6!= 0.23/23]

28.b5!↑ Black is under strong pressure.

[28.Qxg5 Rxf3 29.Kg1 Rf6∓]

28...axb5 29.axb5 Nc8 2.06/23 Prevents Ra7.

[29...c6± 1.12/22]

30.Ra3 0.75/24

[30.Qxg5 Rxf3 31.Qg4 Rf2+ 32.Kh1 Rf6∓]

[30.Ra8+- 2.06/23 Nb6 31.Ra5 *(31.Rxf8+ Qxf8 32.Nf1 Qe8±)*]

30...Nb6 31.Qxg5 Nd7 1.42/23

[⌓31...Qd7 1.01/23]

32.Qe3 Nc5 33.Re1 b6 2.69/24

[33...Kh7± 1.33/22 34.Rh1 Qe8]

34.Rea1 Qe8 35.Qe2 Rg6 3.32/21

[35...Qh5 2.13/24 was worth a try. 36.Rh1 Rh6]

36.Nf1+- Rgf6 37.Nh2 R6f7 38.h4 Qd7 39.Ra8 1.58/26

[39.Ng4+- 3.69/21 is more deadly.]

39...Nb3± 40.Rxf8+ Rxf8 41.Ra3 -0.01/21

[41.Rb1!+- 1.69/24 Nd4 42.Qc4]

41...Nd4= 42.Qd3

[42.Qc4 Qxb5 43.Qxb5 Nxb5 44.Ra1]

42...Nxb5

[42...Qxb5 simplifies 43.Qxb5 Nxb5 44.Rd3 Ra8]

43.Ra1 Nd4 44.f4 b5 45.f5 b4 46.Nf3 Nxf3

[46...c5 keeps more tension. 47.dxc6 Qxc6 48.Ra7 Rf7]

47.Kxf3 Endgame KQR-KQR **47...Rb8 48.Rb1 Qa4 49.Qc4 Qa3+ 50.Qb3 Qa6 51.Rc1 Qb6 52.Kg4 Ra8 53.Qc4** -0.40/26

[53.Qf3= -0.01/25]

53...b3 -0.01/24

[53...Qe3!∓ -0.40/26 might be stronger. 54.Rc2 Ra3]

54.Qxc7? -8.64/26

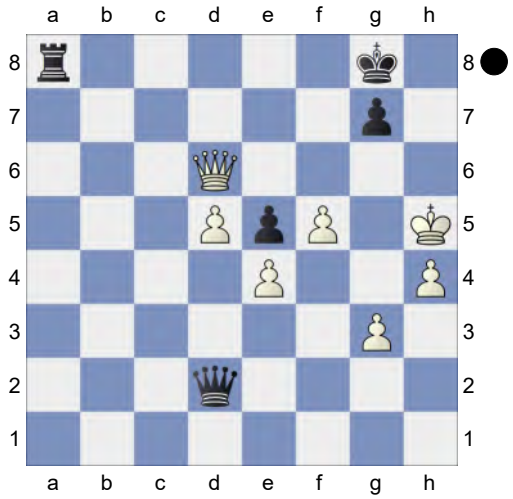
[54.Rb1= -0.01/24]

54...b2-+ Black is clearly winning.

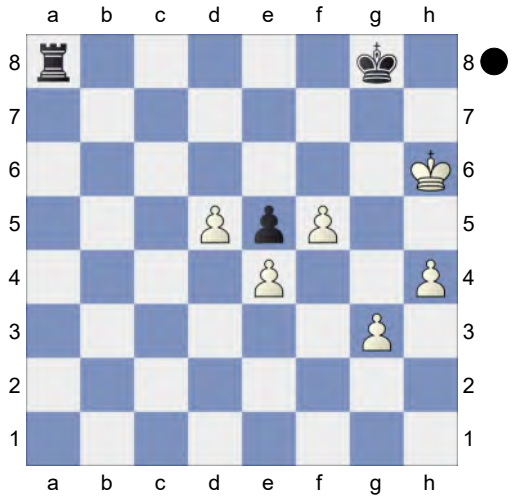
55.Qxb6 bxc1Q

[55...bxc1R? perishes. 56.Qxd6 Re1 57.Qe6+ *(57.Qxe5 Kh7+-)* 57...Kf8 58.Kh5+- *(58.Qxe5 Re8+-)*]

56.Qxd6 Qd1+ 57.Kg5 Qd2+ 58.Kh5



Qh6+! 59.Qxh6 gxh6 60.Kxh6



KR-KP **60...Ra4! 61.Kg5 Rxe4 62.h5 Kf7 63.h6 Rd4 64.f6 Rxd5 65.h7 Rd8** And now ...e4 would win. **66.Kf5**

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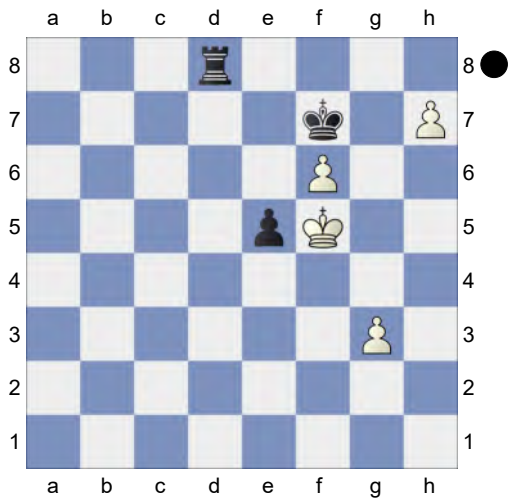

Rh8! 67.g4 Rxh7 68.g5 What a bad dream for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/Black=0.24 (precise)
68...Rh5
0-1

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25...b6 26.Re3 Qe7 1.13/25
[26...g6⩲ 0.52/23]
27.Nd2 0.44/20
[27.d4± 1.13/25 exd4 28.Nxd4]
27...Rf8 28.Nb3 0.22/20
[28.Rae1⩲ 0.64/21]
28...Nxb3 29.Qxb3 f5 30.Rc1 f4 0.77/23
[30...Rad8⩲ 0.38/21]

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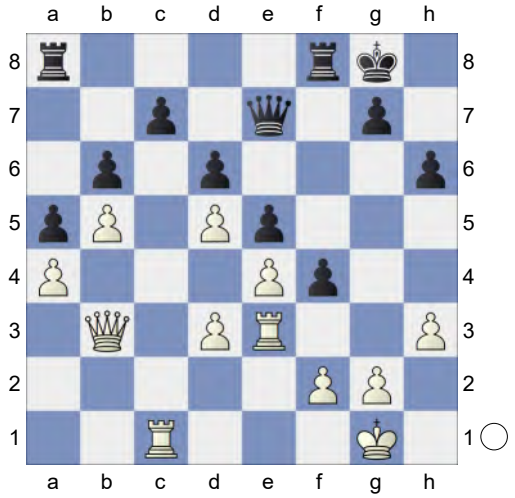


31.Rf3 -0.01/25
[31.Ree1!± 0.77/23]
31...Rf7 32.Qd1 Kh8 0.45/26 Black is weak on the light squares
[32...Re8= 0.00/25]
33.d4± exd4 34.Qxd4 Re8 35.Rc4 Qg5 36.Qc3 Ree7 37.Rd3 Qe5 38.Qxe5 Rxe5 Endgame KRR-KRR **39.f3 g5 40.Rdc3 Ree7 41.Kf2** 0.01/27
[41.h4!± 0.40/29 deserves consideration.]
41...Kg7= The position is equal. **42.Rc6 Kf6 43.Rc2 Ke5 44.R2c3 Rg7 45.Rc2 Rgf7 46.R2c3 Rg7 47.Rc2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) / Black=0.12 (very precise) **47...Rgf7 ½-½**

194 **C54**
□ **Giri,Anish** **2762**
■ **Ma,Qun** **2651**
Shenzhen Longgang 5th (6) 06.03.2024
[Mon Hokmome]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4** Arsovic,Goran Leykekhman,D Kitty Kat TA **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 a6 7.a4 Ba7 8.Re1!** 8.Re1 is better than 8.Nbd2. 8.Te1 ist besser als 8.Sbd2. **8...0-0 9.h3 h6 10.Nbd2 Re8**
[RR 10...Ne7 11.Bb3 *(RR 11.d4 Ng6 12.Bf1 c6 13.Qc2 Qc7 14.a5 Re8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Rad8 19.Ree1 Rd7 20.Ne3 Rdd8 21.Rab1 Nf4 22.b4 Bc8 23.Rb2 Ne6 24.Nd2 Ng5 25.h4 Ne6)* 11...Ng6 12.d4 Re8 13.Bc2 Bd7 *(13...c6 14.Nf1 Qc7 15.Ng3 Be6 16.Be3 Rad8 17.Qc1 Bb8 18.a5 Rd7 19.Ra4 d5 20.dxe5 Nxe4 21.Bb6 Qc8 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.Raxe4 Bf5 24.R4e3 Bxc2 25.Qxc2)* 14.Nf1 c5 15.dxc5 dxc5]
[RR 10...Qe7 11.b4 Be6 12.Rb1 Qd7 13.b5 Ne7 14.d4 Bxc4 15.Nxc4 exd4 16.cxd4 axb5 17.Rxb5 c6 18.Rb3 *(RR 18.Rb1)* 18...d5 19.Nfe5 Qd8 *(RR 19...Qc7 20.exd5 cxd5)* 20.exd5 cxd5 21.Ne3 Qc8 22.Ba3 *(RR 22.N5g4 Nxg4 23.hxg4 Re8 24.Rb5)* 22...Re8 23.Qd3 *(RR 23.Bxe7 Rxe7 24.Qa1)* 23...Nc6 24.Rc1 Qe6 25.Rxb7 Dominguez Perez,L (2741)-So,W (2751) Saint Louis USA 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (43)]
[RR 10...Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Ne7 13.Nf1 Ng6 14.N1h2 Rf7 15.g3 d5 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Qd6 18.Qb3 a5 19.bxa5 Nd7 20.d4 Raf8 21.Rd1 dxe4 22.Nxe5 Ndxe5 23.dxe5 Qc6 24.Qb5 Qxb5 25.axb5]
11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.c4N -0.39/21 Inhibits d6-d5.
[Vorgänger: 13.b4 d5 Threatens to win with ...d5xe4. 14.Qc2 Ne7 15.exd5 Nfxd5 16.Nxe5 Ng6 17.d4 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Qe7 0.19/23 *(⌓18...Qe8* -0.12/22 *)* 19.Qe4

0-1 (40) Sjugirov,S (2703)-Gukesh,D (2720) Chennai 2023]

[Better is 13.Be3= 0.21/21 d5 *(13...Bxe3 14.Nxe3 d5 15.Qc2 Qd7 16.Rad1 Rd8 17.Nf5 Qe8 18.b4 b5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Nd2 Ne7 21.Nxe7+ Qxe7 22.Nb3 dxe4 23.dxe4 Red6 24.Nc5 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 26.Qxd1 Qd6 27.Qe2 c6 28.g3* Chapter C50-Game 2 Game 2 (31)*)* 14.Bxa7 Rxa7 15.b4 dxe4 16.dxe4 Qxd1 17.Raxd1 Ra8 18.Ne3 b5 19.Nd5 Ne8 20.Ra1 Rb8 21.axb5 axb5 22.Red1 Ne7 23.Ne3 Nd6 24.Nd2 g6 25.Ra7 Ne8 26.Nb3 Rd6 27.Rxd6 Nxd6 28.Rxc7 4.♘f3 g6 5.♘bd2 (2723)-Ojasuo,A (2698) New York 2023 TD 92\01 [John Watson] 1-0 (43)]

[RR 13.Ng3 d5

A) 14.Qe2 a5 *(RR 14...Qd7 15.Bd2 Rd8 16.Rad1 Ree8 17.Bc1 dxe4 18.dxe4 Qe6;* RR *14...Qd7 15.Bd2 Rd8 16.Rad1 Ree8 17.Bc1 dxe4 18.dxe4 Qe6;* RR *14...Qd7 15.Bd2 Rd8 16.Rad1 Ree8 17.Bc1 dxe4 18.dxe4 Qe6)* 15.Nh4 Ne7 16.Nhf5 dxe4 17.dxe4 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 Qd7 19.Qf3 Rd8 *(RR 19...Kh7;* RR *19...Kh7;* RR *19...Kh7)* 20.Bxh6 Nxe4 *(RR 20...gxh6 21.Rad1;* RR *20...gxh6 21.Rad1;* RR *20...gxh6 21.Rad1)* 21.Rxe4 gxh6 22.Qg4+ *(RR 22.Rxe5 Kh7 23.Rxa5;* RR *22.Rxe5 Kh7 23.Rxa5;* RR *22.Rxe5 Kh7 23.Rxa5)* 22...Rg6 23.Nxh6+ Kf8 24.Qxd7 Rxd7 25.Nf5 Rd2 26.Rf1 Rxb2 27.Rxe5 Bb6 Adly,A (2620)-Alharari,M (2038) Batumi 2018 playchess.com [TA] 1-0 (39) Brady,T (2620)-Martin Barcelo,C (2038) Uxbridge 108/(288) 2018 Sicilian Sveshnikov MBM [Leykekhman,D] 1-0 (39) Admiraal,M (2441)-Bok,B (2607) Wijk aan Zee 2016 CI1-130 [Arsovic,Goran] 0-1 (39);

B) 14.b4 Ne7 15.Qb3 Ng6 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 c6 18.Ree1 Qc7 19.b5 dxe4 20.dxe4 cxb5 21.axb5 Rc8 22.bxa6 bxa6 23.Ra3 Nf4 24.Rea1 Nd7 25.c4 g6 26.Kh2 Nc5 27.Qe3 Kg7 Abdullah Al,R (2571)-9.00 ♘bd7 10.b3_66364 (2657) corr ICCF 2019 EXP 43 [Finegold,B] 0-1 (69)]

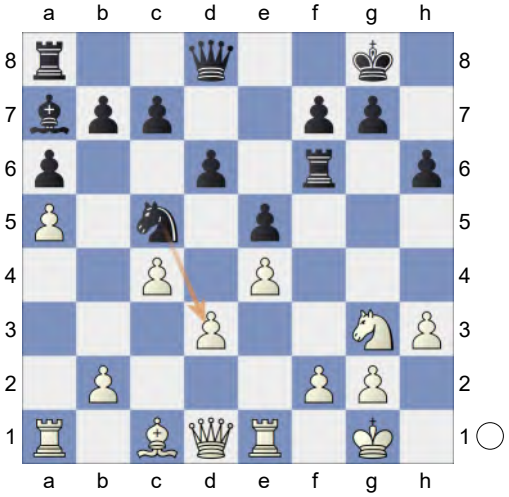
13...Nd4 0.06/23

[13...a5∓ -0.39/21 feels stronger.]

14.a5 Nd7 15.Ng3 Nxf3+ 16.Qxf3 Nc5 0.25/21

[⩲16...Nb8 -0.06/20]

17.Qd1= Rf6

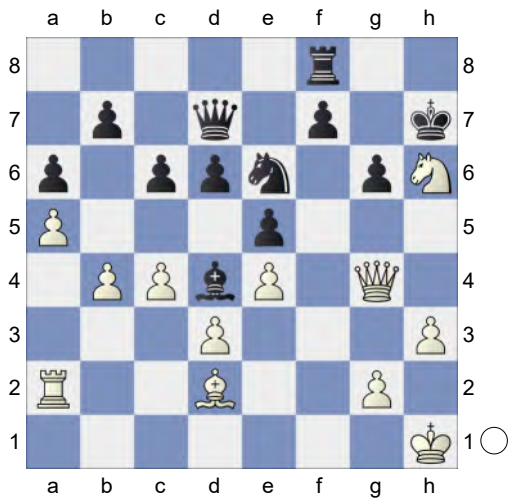


...Nc5xd3! is the strong threat. **18.Rf1 Ne6 19.b4 Kh7 20.Nf5 Nd4**

[20...Qd7 looks sharper. 21.Rb1 Re8 22.Bd2 c6]

21.Ne3 Qd7 22.Kh1 Rf8 23.Ra2 c6 24.Bd2 Ne6 25.Nf5 g6 26.Nxh6 Rxf2 27.Rxf2 Bxf2 28.Qg4 aiming for Bd2-g5. The position is equal. **28...Bd4**

(Diagram)



29.Nf5!⇄ White puts up resistance
29...gxf5 30.Qxf5+ Kg7
[30...Kh8!? 31.Qh5+ Kg8 32.Qg4+ Kh8 33.Qh5+ Kg8 34.Qg4+ Kh8 35.Qh5+=]
31.Qg4+ Kh7 Strongly threatening ... Qd7-e7. **32.Qh5+ Kg8** White must now prevent ...f7-f5! **33.Qg4+ Kh7** An even fight not without its subleties. Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless) An even fight not without its subleties. Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½

195 **C50**
□ **Wei,Yi** **2762**
■ **Yakubboev,Nodirbek** **2655**
FIDE World Rapid Team (10.14) 04.08.24
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4** Kitty Kat **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.a4 Nf6 6.a5 a6 7.c3 h6 8.0-0** The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.b4N** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.

[RR 9.h3 Ba7 *(RR 9...Ba7 10.Be3 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Bxa7 Rxa7 13.Nbd2 Nf4 14.Ne4 b5 15.Ba2 Nxd3)* 10.Be3 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Bxa7 Rxa7 13.Re1 Nf4 14.Nxe5 Qg5 15.Ng4 Nxa5 16.Ba2 h5 17.Ne3 Bxh3 18.Qf3 Be6 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Nf1 Nb3 21.Ra3 Nc5 22.d4 Ncd3 23.Re4 Nxf2 Alekseenko,K (2698)-Gledura,B (2652) chess.com (Int. -rapid) 152/77 2022 1-0 24.Re5 Qg6 25.Qg3 Qxb1 Brodsky,M (2686)-Behrmann (2544) cor 1980 (2) 0-1]
[RR 9.h3 Ba7 10.Be3 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Bxa7 Rxa7 13.Re1 Nf4 14.Nxe5 Qg5 15.Ng4 Nxa5 16.Ba2 h5 17.Ne3 Bxh3 18.Qf3 Be6 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Nf1 Nb3 21.Ra3 Nc5 22.d4 Ncd3 23.Re4 Nxf2]
[RR 9.h3 Ne7 10.d4 Ba7 11.Bd3 Ng6 12.Re1 Re8 13.Nbd2 Nf4 14.Bf1 Nh7 15.Nc4 Qf6 16.Be3 exd4 17.Bxf4 Qxf4 18.g3 Qf6 19.cxd4 Ng5 20.Nxg5 hxg5 21.e5 dxe5 22.Nxe5 Be6 23.Ra3 Rad8 Leiva Rodriguez,J (2389)-Pichot,A (2628) Linares 2024 0-1 (43)]
9...Ba7 10.Be3N
[RR 10.h3 Ne7 11.Be3 Ng6 *(RR 11...Bxe3 12.fxe3 b5 13.axb6 cxb6)*
A) RR 12.Re1 Bxe3 13.fxe3 c6 14.Bb3 d5 15.Qc2 Be6 16.c4 *(RR 16.Nbd2)* 16...dxe4 17.dxe4 c5 18.bxc5;
B) 12.Nbd2 Re8 13.Re1 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 Be6 *(RR 14...Nf4 15.d4 g5 16.Qb3 Qe7)* 15.Bxe6 Rxe6 16.Qb3 d5 17.g3 Qd7 18.Kh2 Rd8 19.Rae1 Rd6 *(RR 19...b6)* 20.d4 exd4 21.Nxd4 dxe4 22.Nxe4 Nxe4 23.Rxe4 Rd5 24.h4 *(RR 24.Qc4)* 24...c5 Nepomniachtchi,I (2771)-Sevian,S

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10...Bxe3 11.fxe3 Be6 0.35/20

[11...b5= -0.05/18 might be stronger. 12.axb6 cxb6]

12.Bxe6± fxe6 13.Nbd2N

[Vorgänger: 13.h3]

13...d5 14.Qb3 Kh8 0.48/18

[14...dxe4= -0.01/21 15.dxe4 *(15.Qxe6+ Kh7=; 15.Nxe4 Qxd3 16.Nc5 Qd5=)* 15...Qd3]

15.Rad1 Qe7 16.Qb1 dxe4 17.dxe4 0.15/21

[17.Nh4± 0.56/21 Qe8 18.Nxe4 *(18.dxe4 Ne7=)*]

17...b5 0.73/21

[17...b6= 0.15/21 remains equal.]

18.Nb3± Nd7! Prevents Nb3-c5 **19.Rd2** 0.22/21

[19.Qc2± 0.66/21]

19...Rae8 0.89/21

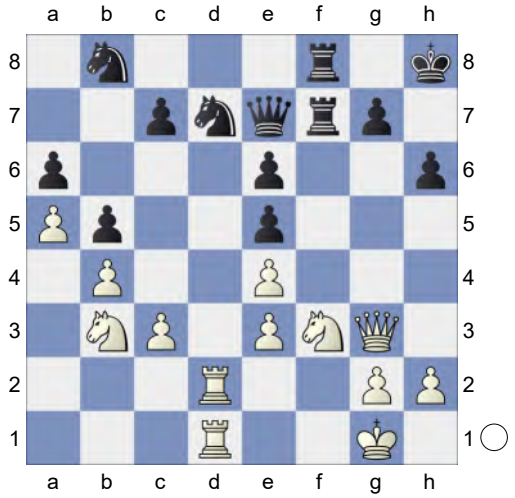
[19...Rac8= 0.22/21]

20.Qe1 Rf7 1.16/22

[20...Kh7± 0.62/23]

21.Qg3 Ref8 22.Rfd1 White is much more active. **22...Ncb8** 2.90/24

[22...Qe8± 1.28/25 is a better defense. 23.Rc1 Qa8]



This costs Black the game. **23.Nh4+-**

[23.Nxe5 Nxe5 24.Qxe5 Nc6=]

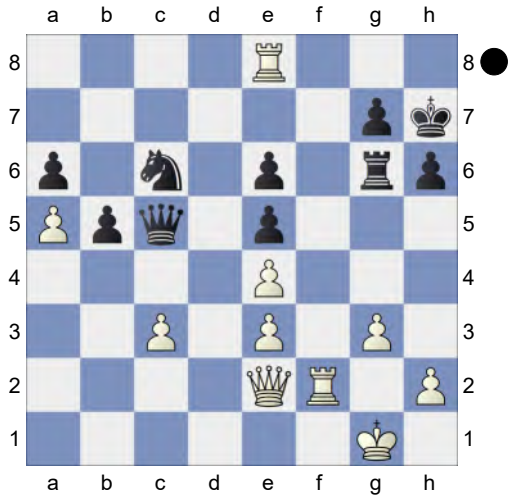
23...Rf6 24.Ng6+ Rxg6 25.Qxg6 Rf6 26.Qg3 Kh7 27.Rf2 Rg6 28.Qf3 Rf6 29.Qe2 Rg6 30.g3 c5 31.bxc5 2.31/21

[⌓31.c4 3.90/22]

31...Nxc5? 6.17/22

[31...Nf6 2.31/21 32.Qd3 Qb7]

32.Nxc5 Qxc5 33.Rd8 Nc6 34.Re8



Rf2-f8 is the strong threat. **34...Nxa5 35.Rff8 Rg5 36.Rh8+** 8.00/5

[⌓36.Qf3 #13/21 Qxf8 37.Qxf8 Nc4 38.h4 *(38.Rxe6 Nd2+-; 38.Qg8+ Kg6 39.Qxe6+ Kh5 40.Qf7+ g6 41.Qf3+ Rg4 42.h3* Pin *Kg5 43.hxg4 h5)* 38...Rxg3+ 39.Kf2 Nd2 40.Kxg3 Nxe4+ 41.Kh3]

36...Kg6 37.Rxe6+ Kf7 38.Rhe8 21.69/24

[⌓38.Rxa6 #14/21 Nc6 39.Rc8 Rg6 40.Qf3+ Rf6 41.Qh5+ *(41.Rcxc6 Qxc6 42.Qh5+ g6+-)* 41...g6 42.Qxh6 *(42.Rc7+ Ke8+-)* 42...Re6 43.Qh7+ Kf6 44.Ra2 *(44.Qh8+ Kf7 45.Qg8+ Kf6 46.Rf8+ Qxf8 47.Qxf8+ Kg5 48.Qh8 Kg4 49.Kg2 g5 50.Qh3#)*]

38...Rg6 White is clearly winning.

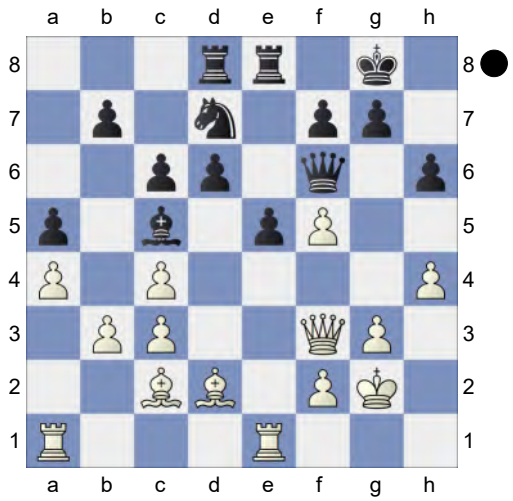
39.Qf3+ Rf6 40.Qh5+ g6 41.Rxf6+

[Worse is 41.Qxh6 Rxe6 42.Ra8 Re8= *(42...Qxc3 43.Qf8#; 42...Qxc3*

43.Qf8#)]
[41.Qxe5 Qxe3+ 42.Kg2 Rf2+ 43.Kh3 Rxh2+ Decoy 44.Kxh2 Qe2+ 45.Kg1 Qe3+ 46.Kf1 Qf3+ 47.Kg1 Qe3+ 48.Kf1 Qd3+ 49.Ke1 Qe3+ 50.Kf1=]
41...Kxf6 42.Qf3+ Kg7 43.Re6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.68
1-0

196 **C53**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2762**
■ **Le Tuan Minh** **2598**
chess.com SpeedChess 2025 (1.15)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...d6N
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3)]
6.0-0 Bb6 7.Re1 0-0 8.Bb3 h6 9.Nbd2 Ne7 10.Nc4 Ng6 11.h3 Be6
White has an edge. **12.Bc2 Bxc4 13.dxc4 a5 14.g3 Qd7 15.Kg2 Qe6 16.Qe2 Bc5** 0.61/21
[16...a4= 0.20/20]
17.a4⩲ Ne7 18.Nh4 Nd7 19.b3 Qf6 20.Nf5 0.35/21
[20.Bd2± 0.73/21]
20...Nxf5 21.exf5 Rfe8 1.03/22
[21...c6⩲ 0.47/20]
22.Qf3 0.38/19
[22.Be4!± 1.03/22]
22...c6 23.h4 Rad8 24.Bd2 -0.33/23
[24.Rb1⩲ 0.54/21]



24...d5!∓ 25.cxd5 cxd5 26.Qxd5

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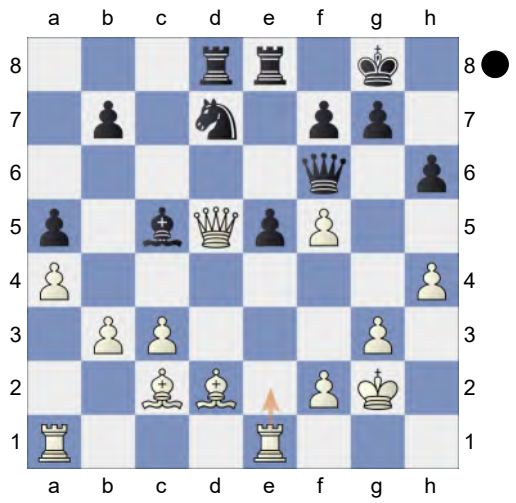
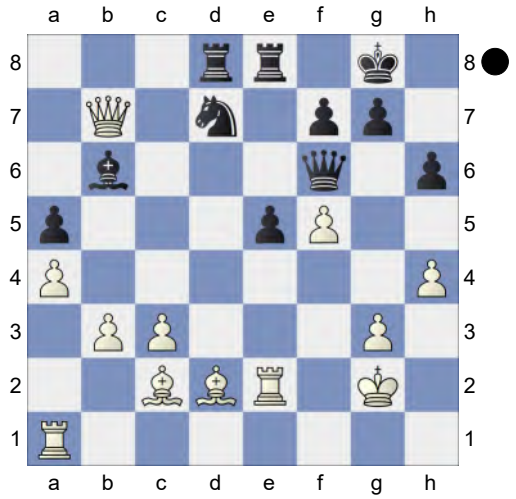


Bxf2! 27.Re2!
[27.Kxf2 Nc5∓]
27...Bb6 -0.09/22
[27...e4!∓ -0.65/24 28.Kxf2 *(28.Rxf2 e3=)* 28...Nb6]
28.Qxb7 -1.38/25
[28.Qc4= -0.09/22]



28...Nc5!∓ 29.Qf3

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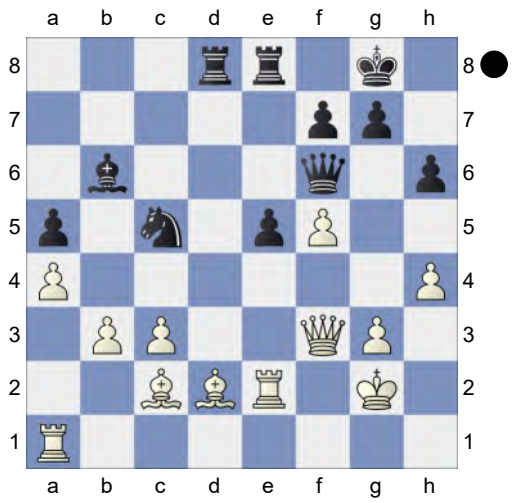
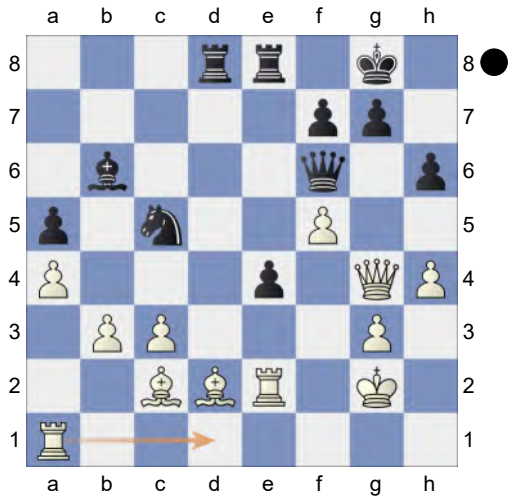


e4! 30.Qg4



Nd3! 31.Bxd3 exd3 0.01/23
[31...Rxd3∓ -1.37/23 32.Rf1 Qc6]
32.Re4= Re5 0.51/25
[32...Ba7= 0.01/23]
33.Rae1 -0.15/23
[33.Rxe5!± 0.51/25 Qxe5 34.Re1 Qd5+ 35.Kh3]
33...Rxf5
[33...Qxf5 34.Qxf5 Rxf5 35.Rf4 Rxf4 36.gxf4]
34.Rf4!⇄ White is not holding back
34...Rxf4 35.Qxf4 Qc6+ 36.Qf3 Qd7 37.c4 Qd4 38.Re7 Rf8
[38...f6 with more complications. 39.Qe4 Qf2+ 40.Kh3 Qf1+]
39.Kh3 Active counter play! **39...Bc5**

0.54/27
[39...Qd6= -0.01/23 40.Re1 Rd8]
40.Re1 -0.04/24
[Better is 40.Be3± 0.54/27 Qd8 41.Bxc5]
40...Bb4 41.Bxb4 axb4 Endgame KQR-KQR **42.Rd1 Rd8** White must now prevent ...Qc3. **43.a5 d2 44.a6 Qc3 45.Kg2** a7 is the strong threat.
[45.Qe2 simplifies Qxb3 46.Rxd2 Rxd2 47.Qxd2 Qa4 48.Qd8+]
A mistake that costs the game.
45...Qc2? 2.86/24
[45...Qd4= 0.01/25 and Black is okay.]
46.a7+- Qa2 3.19/26
[⌓46...Kh7 1.74/22]
47.Qb7 g6? 7.87/24
[47...Kh7 2.44/19 48.Qe7 *(48.Qxb4 Qc2=; 48.Qxf7 Qxb3 49.Qf5+ Kh8±)* 48...Qa5 49.Qxf7 Qb6 50.Qf5+ Kh8]
48.Qb8 White is clearly winning.
[Stronger than 48.Qxb4 Qxa7 49.Rxd2 Rxd2+ 50.Qxd2 Qb7+ 51.Kf2 Qxb3=]
48...Rf8 49.Kh3
[Weaker is 49.Qxb4 Qxa7 50.Rxd2 *(50.Qxd2 Qb7+ 51.Qd5 Qxb3±)* 50...Qe3±]
49...Qa5 50.Rxd2 Qf5+ 51.Kh2 Qe4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.53 **52.Ra2**
1-0

197 **C54**
□ **Giri,Anish** **2760**
■ **Le,Tuan Minh** **2559**
Julius Baer Rapid Div 3 W (3.2) 31.08.23
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 d6 5.c3 Nf6 6.d3N**
[6.d4 Bb6 7.a4 *(7.h3 h6 8.Re1 0-0 9.a4 a5 10.Bb5 Bd7 11.Na3 Re8 12.d5 Ne7 13.Bxd7 Qxd7 14.Nc4 Bc5 15.Qd3 Ng6 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.fxe3 b6 18.Rf1 Nf8 19.Nh4 Kh7 20.Nf5 Ng8 21.Rf2 g6* 1-0 Mihajlov,S (2373)-Sanchez Alvares,K (2243) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Late blitz 2023 (7)*; 7.dxe5 Nxe5 8.Nxe5 dxe5 9.Qf3 0-0 10.h3 h6 11.Re1 Nh7 12.a4 Be6 13.Nd2 Qh4 14.Kf1 Rad8 15.b3 Rd6 16.a5 Bxc4+ 17.bxc4 Bc5 18.Qg3 Qxg3 19.fxg3 Ng5 20.Ke2 Rfd8 21.h4 Ne6* Gelashvili,T (2565)-Shalamberidze,A (2406) 123/(111) Georgia 2014*)* 7...a6 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Nxe5 dxe5 10.Qxd8+ Kxd8 11.a5 Ba7 12.Nd2 Ke7 13.b3 Be6 *(13...Bc5 14.b4 Bd6 15.Re1 Rd8 16.Bf1 Kf8 17.Nc4 Ne8 18.f4 exf4 19.Nxd6 Nxd6 20.Bxf4 Be6 21.Rad1 Rd7 22.c4 Rad8 23.c5 Nb5 24.Rxd7 Bxd7 25.Rd1 Ke8 26.Bc4 Be6 27.Rxd8+ Kxd8 28.Bxb5* ½-½ Saric,I (2666)-Aronian,L (2797) 123/111 Wijk aan Zee 2015*)* 14.Ba3+ Kd7 15.Rfd1 Bxc4 16.Nxc4+ Ke6 Jonkman,H URS-ch Soviet Union 1983]
[6.a4 a6 7.d3 Ba7 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Nbd2 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Qb3 Qc8 12.Rac1 Rb8 13.Kh1 Ng4 14.Kg1 h6 15.Bh4 g5 16.Bg3 Qe8

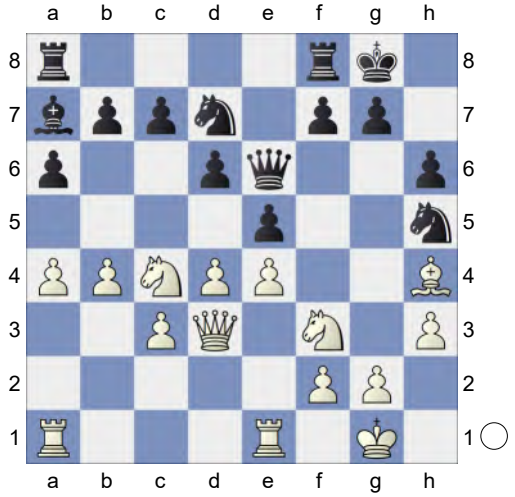
17.Qd1 Nf6 18.b4 Qg6 19.b5 axb5 20.axb5 Nd8 1-0 Krebs,J (1641)-Fritsch Gruendel,T (1480) corr Einzelpartien freechess 2015]

6...a6 7.Bg5 h6 7...Ba7 is more fashionable. 7...La7 ist modischer. **8.Bh4 Ba7 9.Nbd2** White has an edge. **9...Qe7 10.b4 Be6 11.a4 Nb8!?N** An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung.

[Vorgänger: 11...0-0 12.Re1 Bxc4 13.Nxc4 Qe6 14.b5 Ne7 15.Rb1 Nd7 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.d4 Qe6 ½-½ Caruana,F (2782)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2690) FIDE World Cup 2023 (7.1)]

12.d4 Nbd7 13.Re1 0-0 14.h3 Bxc4 15.Nxc4 Qe6 16.Qd3 Nh5 0.82/18

[16...Rfe8⩲ 0.41/19]



17.Ne3!± Nf4 18.Qc2 Rfe8 1.07/19

[18...Ng6⩲ 0.68/19]

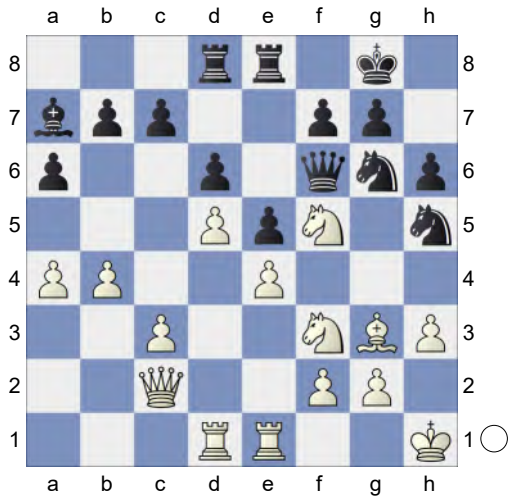
19.Nf5 Nf8 20.Bg3 N8g6 21.Rad1 Rad8 22.Kh1 Qf6 23.d5 0.56/20

[23.a5± 1.14/18]

23...Nh5 1.12/20

[23...Ne7⩲ 0.56/20]

(Diagram)



24.c4 0.56/21

[24.Nh2!± 1.12/20]

24...Ne7⩲ 25.N3h4 0.26/21

[25.Nxe7+± 0.71/20 Qxe7 26.Bh4]

25...Kh7 0.66/20

[25...a5= 0.26/21]

26.Nxe7! Qxe7 27.Nf5 Qf8 28.Bh4 Ra8 29.Qe2 0.04/22 White is much more active.

[29.Rb1± 0.71/20]

29...g6 0.40/25

[29...Nf4= 0.04/22 30.Qc2 g6]

30.Qf3! a5 31.b5 -0.03/24

[31.bxa5 Bc5]

[31.Rb1!⩲ 0.54/24]

31...Bc5 32.Rf1 -0.35/21

[32.g4= 0.01/22 is more appropriate. Nf4 33.Ne3]

32...Qg8 0.90/25

[32...f6∓ -0.35/21 stays ahead.]

33.Ne3 -0.45/20

[33.g4!± 0.90/25 Nf4 34.Bf6]

33...Rf8 0.16/26

[33...Qg7∓ -0.45/20]

34.g4= Nf4 35.Kh2 -0.28/23

[Better is 35.Bf6!⩲ 0.50/22]

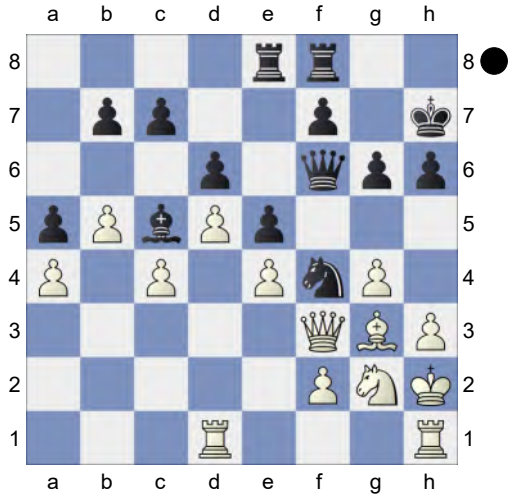
35...Qg7 36.Bg3 -0.82/25

[36.Rg1= -0.29/19 remains equal.]

36...Rae8 37.Rh1 -1.43/20

[37.Ng2∓ -0.49/20]

37...Qf6∓ 38.Ng2 -2.30/21
[38.Bxf4∓ -1.32/20 is a better defense. exf4 39.Ng2]



38...Nxd5!-+ Discovered Attack **39.Qb3 Nf4 40.Bxf4?** -3.73/21
[40.Qf3 -2.11/19]
40...exf4 41.f3? -5.98/20
[41.Qf3 -3.14/21 only move.]
41...Re5 -2.62/19
[⊼41...h5 -5.98/20 Hoping for ...hxg4. 42.Rd5 hxg4 43.fxg4 c6 *(43...Rxe4? 44.Rf1-+)*]
42.Rd5? -5.81/21
[42.Qc2 -2.62/19 is tougher.]
42...b6 Black is clearly winning. **43.Rhd1 Rxd5 44.Rxd5 Re8 45.Qc2 Re5 46.Rd1** -7.79/22
[⊼46.Qc3 -4.91/22 Kg7 47.Rd1]
46...h5 47.Qd2 hxg4 48.hxg4 g5 (→ ...Qh6+) **49.Ne1 Qh6+** White is weak on the dark squares **50.Kg2** Nd3 is the strong threat. **50...Qh4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/Black=0.33 **51.Kf1** An unexpected result.
½-½

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□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2760**
■ **Lazavik,Denis** **2567**
Chessable Masters Div 1 Lose rapid (4.1)
[Mon Hokmome]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4** The Recreationist Nov 1873 pp138-9 Kitty Kat Sokolov,Ivan **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.h3 d6**
[RR 5...0-0 6.Nc3 Na5 *(RR 6...a6)*
A) RR 7.Nxe5 Qe7 *(RR 7...Nxc4 8.Nxc4 d5 9.exd5 Re8+ 10.Ne3 Nxd5 11.Ncxd5 Qxd5 12.0-0)* 8.Bxf7+ Rxf7 *(RR 8...Kh8 9.d4 Bb4 10.Ng6+ hxg6 11.Bxg6 d6 12.Bg5)* 9.Nxf7 Qxf7 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Be3 Bf8;
B) 7.a3 Nxc4 8.dxc4 d6 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Qd3 h6 11.Bh4
B1) RR 11...c6 12.0-0-0 *(RR 12.Rd1 a6 13.b4 Bb6;* RR *12.g4 b5)* 12...b5 13.cxb5 cxb5 14.b4 *(RR 14.Qxb5 Rc8)* 14...Bb6 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Rfc8;
B2) 11...g5 12.Nxg5 hxg5 13.Bxg5 Kg7 14.f4 exf4 *(RR 14...Rg8 15.f5 Kh7 16.h4 Bd7 17.g4 c6 18.0-0-0)*
B2a) RR 15.Rf1 Qe8 16.Rxf4 *(RR 16.Bxf6+ Kxf6 17.Rxf4+ Ke7 18.b4 Bb6 19.0-0-0 Rg8)* 16...Nh5 *(RR 16...Nh7 17.Bh6+ Kh8 18.Bxf8 Qxf8 19.0-0-0)* 17.Bf6+ Nxf6 18.Qg3+ Ng4 19.Rxg4+ Bxg4 20.Qxg4+ Kh8 21.Qh5+ Kg8;
B2b) 15.Ne2 c6 *(RR 15...Qe7 16.Rf1 Kg6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Nxf4+ Kh6 19.Nxe6 Qxe6 20.0-0-0;* RR *15...Bf2+*

16.Kxf2 Nxe4+ 17.Qxe4 Qxg5 18.Qd4+ f6 19.Nxf4) 16.b4 *(*RR *16.Nxf4 Qa5+ 17.Kd1 Bb6)* 16...Be3 17.Rf1 Kg6

B2b1) RR 18.Bh4 Bxc4 *(*RR *18...Rh8 19.Rxf4 Bxf4 20.e5+ Kh6 21.Bxf6)* 19.Qxc4 d5 20.exd5 Qxd5 21.Nxf4+ Bxf4 22.Qxf4 Rae8+ 23.Kf2;

B2b2) 18.h4 Bxc4 19.Qxc4 d5 20.Qb3 Firouzja,A (2793)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2766) Madrid 2022 Chess Informant 153 [Sokolov, Ivan] 0-1 (38) RR Qd6 21.Nxf4+ Bxf4 22.Bxf4 *(*RR *22.Rxf4 Nxe4)* 22...Qe7 23.Qg3+ Kh7 24.e5 Ne4 25.Qf3]

[RR 5...0-0 6.Nc3 Na5 7.a3 Nxc4 8.dxc4 d6 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Qd3 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Nxg5 hxg5 13.Bxg5 Kg7 14.f4 exf4 15.Ne2 c6 16.b4 Be3 17.Rf1 Kg6 18.h4 Bxc4 19.Qxc4 d5 20.Qb3]

[RR 5...0-0 6.Nc3 a6 7.Be3 d6 8.Bxc5 dxc5 9.a4 Qd6 *(*RR *9...b6 10.0-0 Qd6 11.Nd2 Bd7 12.Ba2 Nb4 13.Nc4 Qe7 14.Bb3 Be6 15.Ra3 Nc6)* 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.Bxd5 Nb4 12.Bc4 Be6 13.Nd2 b5 14.Bxe6 Qxe6 15.0-0 Rfd8 16.b3 h6 17.Re1 Nc6 18.Re3 Qe7 19.Rg3 Nd4 20.Nf1 Firouzja,A (2763)-Sargsyan,S (2646) New York 2024 1-0 (61)]

6.c3N

[RR 6.Nc3 a6 *(*RR *6...Na5 7.Bb3 Nxb3 8.axb3 c6 9.Na4 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Bxd2+ 11.Qxd2 0-0 12.Qg5 h6 13.Qh4 Qa5+ 14.Ke2 Qc7 15.g4 Nh7 16.Rhg1 f6 17.Qg3 Rf7 18.Nc3 d5 19.h4 d4 20.Nb1 g5 21.Nbd2)* 7.a3 Ba7 8.Be3 h6 9.d4 0-0 10.0-0 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Re8 *(*RR *13...Bd7 14.Rad1 Bc6 15.e5 dxe5 16.Qxe5 Qc8 17.Rd3 Re8 18.Qg3 Ne4 19.Nxe4 Bxe4)* 14.f4 b5 15.Ba2 Bb7 16.Rae1 c5 17.Qd3 Qb6 18.Kh2 c4 19.Qf3 Qd4 20.Rd1 Qc5 Dardha,D (2606)-Ismayil,M (2002) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (50)]

[RR 6.a3 a5 7.Be3 0-0 8.Bxc5 dxc5 9.Nc3 Be6 *(*RR *9...Qe7)* 10.Bb5 Nd4 11.Nxe5 Qd6 12.Nc4 Qf4 13.Ne3 Rad8 14.a4 c6 *(* RR *14...Qh4)* 15.Bc4 b5 16.axb5 *(* RR *16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.0-0)* 16...cxb5 *(* RR *16...Bxc4 17.Nxc4 cxb5 18.Nxa5)* 17.Bxb5 Nxb5 18.Nxb5 Qb8 19.Rxa5 Nxe4 *(*RR *19...c4)* 20.0-0 *(*RR *20.Qc1 Bd7 21.dxe4 Bxb5 22.c4)* 20...c4 Esipenko,A (2704)-Caruana,F (2805) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 29 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (34) RR 21.Nxc4 Bxc4 22.Na3 Be6]

[RR 6.Nc3 a6 7.a3 Ba7 8.Be3 h6 9.d4 0-0 10.0-0 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Re8 14.f4 b5 15.Ba2 Bb7 16.Rae1 c5 17.Qd3 Qb6 18.Kh2 c4 19.Qf3 Qd4 20.Rd1 Qc5]

[RR 6.Be3 Bb6 7.Nc3 Be6 8.Bb3 Qd7 9.Qd2 Ne7 10.Rd1 Ng6 11.Ne2 d5 12.exd5 Bxd5 13.Bxd5 Nxd5 14.0-0 f5 15.Bxb6 axb6 16.d4 e4 17.Ne5 Qd6 18.c4 Nf6 19.Nxg6 hxg6 20.a3 Kf7]

[RR 6.0-0 0-0

A) RR 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Be6 9.Bxe6 *(*RR *9.Bb3 Kh7 10.Nc3*

Ne7 11.d4 exd4 12.Nxd4 Bxb3 13.axb3 g5 14.Bg3 Bxd4 15.Qxd4 Ng6 16.Rxa7 Rxa7 17.Qxa7 Nh5 18.Qxb7 f5 19.exf5 Rxf5 20.Rd1 Nxg3 21.fxg3 Rf7 22.Nd5 Ne5 23.Qb4 Qa8) 9...fxe6 10.Nc3 Qe8 11.Bxf6 Rxf6 12.Nh4 Qf7 13.Qd2 Rf8 14.Nd1 Qh5 15.Nf3 Rxf3 16.gxf3 Qxh3 17.c3 Rxf3 18.d4 Qg4+;

B) RR 7.Nc3 a6 *(RR 7...Ne7 8.Ne2 Ng6 9.c3 Bb6 10.Ng3 d5 11.Bb3 Be6 12.Re1 Re8 13.Qc2 h6 14.Bd2 Qd7 15.exd5 Bxh3 16.d4 e4 17.Nxe4 Bxg2 18.Nxf6+ gxf6 19.Nh2 Bxd5 20.c4 Qh3 21.f3 Bxd4+;* RR *7...Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.Bg5 Ne7 10.Ne2 c6 11.d4 exd4 12.Nexd4 Qd7 13.Re1 e5 14.Nb3 b6 15.Nxc5 bxc5 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.c4 f5 18.Nxe5 Qe6 19.exf5 Nxf5 20.Qg4+ Kh8 21.Nf3 Qd7 22.Nh4)* 8.a4 Be6 9.Bg5 Bxc4 10.dxc4 Qd7 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Nd5 Kg7 13.Nh4 Nd4 14.c3 Ne6 15.Nf5+ Kh8 16.Nxf6 Qd8 17.Ng4 Ng5 18.Qd2 Rg8 19.Rae1 Qd7 20.h4 Nf3+ 21.gxf3 h5;

C) RR 7.c3 h6 8.b4 Bb6 9.a4 a5 10.b5 Ne7 11.Be3 c6 12.Nbd2 d5 13.Bxb6 Qxb6 14.Ba2 Ng6 15.Re1 Re8 16.Rb1 Qc7 17.Qc2 Nf4 18.bxc6 bxc6 19.d4 Bxh3 20.gxh3 Qd7 21.Re3 Qxh3;

D) 7.a3 Bd7 8.b4 Bb6 9.Bb2 h6 10.Nc3 Nd4 11.Nd5 Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3 Nxd5 13.Bxd5 Rb8 14.a4 a6 15.a5 Ba7 16.c3 Qe7 17.d4 Be6 18.dxe5 dxe5 19.Rad1 Bxd5 20.Rxd5 c6 Radojicic,A (1710)-Mondry,M (1850) Montilla 1990 ZUS C73 [The Recreationist Nov 1873 pp138-9] 0-1]

6...a6 7.Nbd2 Ba7 8.Bb3 0-0 9.Nf1 Be6 is cutting edge theory. ist die Avantgarde der Theorie.

[9...d5 10.Qe2 Be6 11.Bg5 dxe4 12.dxe4 Bxb3 13.axb3 Qd6 14.Ng3 Qe6 15.b4 Ne8 16.0-0 f6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.fxe3 Nd6 19.Rf2 a5 20.bxa5 Nxa5 21.Nh4 g6 22.Raf1 Nb3 23.Qc2 Ra1 24.Nf3 Nowroozian, N (2647)-11... ♕c7 12.♘bd2 cd4 13.c, 4 (2737) Hersonissos 136/(168) 2004 Telechess CBM 89 [John Watson] ½-½]

10.Bc2 d5 11.exd5N Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

[11.Qe2 b5 12.Ng5 Bd7 13.g4 Ne7 14.f4 exf4 15.e5 Ng6 16.d4 c5 17.Bxg6 hxg6 18.Bxf4 cxd4 19.cxd4 Ne4 20.Nxe4 dxe4 21.0-0-0 Be6 22.b3 Bxd4 23.Kb1 Qb6 24.Qxe4 Bc3 25.Ng3 b4 Pasko,W (2419)-7.♘h3 f5 8.♘f2 (2151) Heviz 2023 17 c5, Nf6 and g6: model [John Watson] ½-½ (32)]

11...Bxd5N Black has an edge.

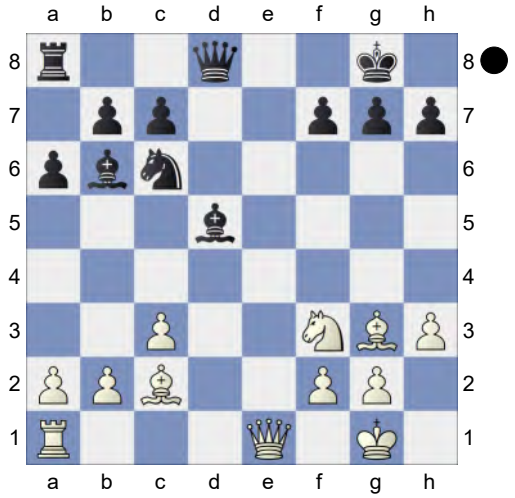
[Vorgänger: 11...Nxd5 12.Ng3 f6 13.0-0 Qd7 14.Re1 Rfe8 15.Nh2 Rad8 16.Ng4 -0.66/19 *(⌓16.Bd2* -0.34/19 *)* 16...Nce7∓ 17.Qf3 Ng6 1-0 Sosa,T (2558)-Akbas,U (2446) Sant Boi de Llobregat op 4th 2023 (9)]

12.Ng3 Prevents e5-e4. **12...Re8 13.0-0! e4** 0.27/25

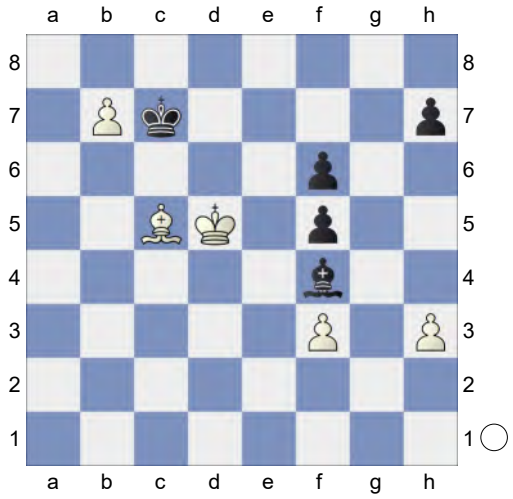
[⌓13...Qd6 -0.07/19]

14.dxe4= Nxe4 15.Bf4 Nxg3 16.Bxg3 Bb6 17.Re1 Rxe1+ 18.Qxe1

(Diagram)



Hoping for Ra1-d1. **18...Qf6 19.Qe2 Bxf3 20.gxf3 g6 21.Re1 Rd8 22.Kg2 Kg7 23.Ba4** 0.23/23
[23.Qe4± 0.58/23]
23...Rd7 0.98/26
[23...Bc5= 0.23/23 remains equal.]
24.Qe8 0.59/25
[24.Bxc6± 0.98/26 Qxc6 25.b4]
24...Rd8± 25.Qe4 Rd7 0.96/25
[25...Bc5± 0.44/23]
26.Bh4 0.59/24
[26.Bxc6± 0.96/25 Qxc6 27.Qe8]
26...Qf5 27.Qxf5 gxf5 28.Bxc6 0.28/25
[28.Bg5± 0.61/22 is superior.]
28...bxc6 Endgame KRB-KRB **29.Bg5** Inhibits Rd7-d2. **29...f6 30.Bf4 Kf7** Inhibits Re1-e6. **31.Kf1 Rd3** 0.59/27
[31...c5= 0.01/25]
32.Ke2 Rd8 33.Rd1 Rxd1 34.Kxd1 Bxf2 35.Bxc7 KB-KB **35...Ke6 36.Ke2 Bc5 37.Kd3 Kd5 38.b4 Bf2 39.c4+ Ke6 40.Kc3 Be1+ 41.Kb3 Kd7 42.Bf4 Kc8 43.Be3 Bg3 44.a4 Kb7 45.b5 cxb5?** 3.12/28
[45...h5± 1.15/26]
46.cxb5 axb5 47.axb5 Kc7 48.Kc4 Kd6 49.Bc5+ Ke6 50.b6 Kd7 51.Kd5 Bf4 52.Bd4 Bg5 53.Bc5? 0.01/29
[53.h4 Bxh4 54.Kc5 h5=]
[53.b7+- 10.12/35 Kc7 54.Ke6]
53...Bf4= 54.b7? 2.31/35
[54.Bb4 5.85/32 Be5 55.b7]
54...Kc7+-



55.Bd6+! Bxd6 56.b8Q+? 0.02/5
[White should play 56.b8R+- 2.81/36 Kxb8 57.Kxd6]
56...Kxb8= 57.Kxd6 f3-f4 would kill now. **57...Kb7?** #22/35
[57...f4+- 2.91/36 58.Ke6 Kc7 59.Kxf6 Kd6]
58.Ke6 10.14/29
[⌓58.f4 #22/35 Kc8 59.Ke6 Kd8 60.Kxf6 Kd7 61.Kg7 h5 62.Kg6 h4 63.Kxf5]
58...Kc6 59.Kxf5 Kd6 60.Kxf6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/Black=0.50
1-0

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□ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2758**
■ **Martinez Alcantara,Jose Eduardo**
Chessable Masters Div 1 Win rapid (1.1)
[Mon Hokmome]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 Bb6** 6...a5 is a critical line. 6...a5 ist die

kritische Fortsetzung. **7.Re1 h6 8.a4 0-0 9.h3 a5** The position is equal.
10.Nbd2 Ne7 11.d4N
[RR 11.Nf1 c6 12.Bb3 Ng6 13.d4 exd4 14.cxd4 d5 15.e5 Ne4 16.N1d2 Bf5 17.Bc2 Nxd2 18.Bxd2 Bxc2 19.Qxc2 Nh4 20.Nxh4 *(RR 20.Ra3 Nxf3+ 21.Rxf3 Bxd4 22.Qf5 c5 23.Bc3 Bxc3 24.bxc3 Qe8 25.Rd3 Rd8 26.Rg3)* 20...Qxh4 21.Be3 f6 22.Rad1 Rf7 23.f4 fxe5 24.fxe5 Raf8 25.Qg6 Rf5 Shogdzhiev,R (2260)-Atalik,S (2420) Belgrade 2024 0-1 (76)]
11...exd4N
[11...Nc6
A) 12.Ra3 Re8 13.Ba2 Ba7 14.Rb3 Rb8 *(14...exd4 15.cxd4 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.Rd3 Bc5 18.e5 Qe7 19.Nf3 dxe5 20.Rxe5 Be6 21.Bxe6 fxe6* B4) Italian – New Main Line-Italian – 4.c3 Nf6 5. d3 h6 *)* 15.Bb1 Bd7 16.Nc4 exd4 17.cxd4 Nb4 18.Rbe3 b5 19.axb5 Bxb5 20.Nxa5 c5 21.Ra3 Bb6 22.Nb3 c4 23.Nbd2 Nd3 24.Re3 Rc8 25.b3 d5 26.e5 Nh5 5.♗e2 0-0-0 6.♗e3 (2665)-Ellithorpe, G (2687) London 2023 Schlechter-Tarrasch [John Watson] 1-0 (42);
B) 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 dxe5 14.Qc2 Nh5 15.Bf1 Bxh3 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Nxe5 Ng3 B4) Italian – New Main Line-Italian – 4.c3 Nf6 5. d3 h6]
12.cxd4 d5 13.exd5N
[Vorgänger: 13.e5 Ne4 Strongly threatening ...Ne4xd2. 14.Bd3 Nxd2 15.Bxd2 c5 16.Be3 c4 17.Bc2 Nf5 0.62/20 *(17...Be6=* 0.08/20 *)* 18.Bf4 0.13/20 *(18.b3±* 0.62/20 *)* 18...Nh4 0.84/22 *(18...Be6=* 0.13/20 *)* 19.Nxh4 Qxh4 1-0 Mendes,A (2328)-Hebbar,E (2006) North American-ch U20 2023 (5)]
13...Nexd5 14.Nf1 Be6 15.Qb3 Qd6 16.Bd2 Rfe8 17.Ng3 Nf4 18.Bxe6 Nxe6 19.Bc3 Nf4
[19...Nxd4 20.Bxd4 Bxd4 21.Nf5 Bxf2+ 22.Kxf2 Qc5+ 23.N3d4± *(23.N5d4 Ne4+ 24.Kg1 Nd2=)*]
[19...Bxd4 20.Nf5 Bxf2+ 21.Kxf2 Qc5+ 22.N5d4±]
20.Re5 Ng6 21.Rae1? -1.58/24
[21.Rb5= 0.01/22]
21...Nxe5∓ 22.dxe5 Qd5 23.Qc2 Nd7 24.Re4 Nc5? -0.17/25
[Black should try 24...Nf8-+ -1.75/23 Threatens to win with ...Ra8-d8. 25.Rg4 Ng6]
25.Rg4!= Rad8 0.01/24
[25...Qd3!∓ -0.45/21 26.Qc1 Re6]
26.Kh2 -0.68/25
[26.Qf5!= 0.01/24 Qe6 27.Qh5]
26...Ne6∓ White must now prevent ... Qd5-d3. **27.Nh5 Qd3 28.Qc1 g5**
[28...Bxf2? 29.Qxh6 Kf8 30.Nxg7 Nxg7 31.Qxg7+ Ke7 32.Qf6+ *(32.Bxa5 Qf5±)* 32...Kd7 33.Bd4+- *(33.Qxf7+ Kc8±; 33.Bxa5 Qd5±)*]
[28...Kh7 29.Rxg7+!! Nxg7 30.Nf6+ Kh8 31.Qxh6+]
29.Bd2 -1.72/23 Now White is beyond hope.
[29.Qe1∓ -0.49/23]
29...Kf8-+ 30.h4 -3.08/24
[⌓30.Nf6 -1.73/22]
30...Nd4
[30...Bxf2? 31.hxg5 Nd4 32.Qc5+ Rd6 33.Rxd4 Bxd4 34.Qxc7-+]
31.Nxg5 Ne2
[31...Rxe5 32.Nxf7! Rxh5 33.Nxd8±]
32.Nh7+ Ke7
[Not 32...Qxh7 33.Bxh6+ Ke7 34.Qg5+ Ke6 35.Ng7+ *(35.Nf4+? Nxf4 36.Rxf4 Kd7-+)* 35...Kd7

36.Nxe8 Rxe8 37.Qd2+ Nd4 38.Rxd4+ Bxd4 39.Qxd4+ Kc8 40.Bg5±]

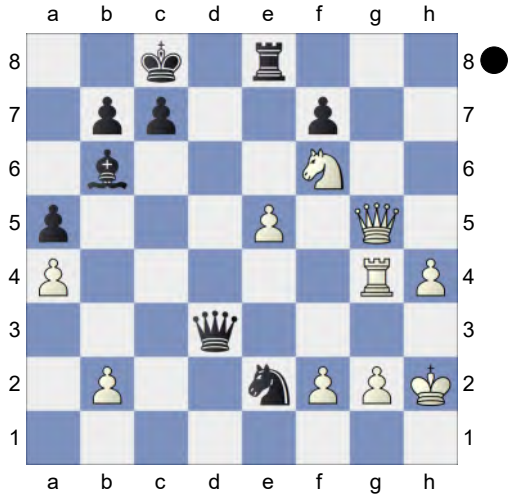
33.Bg5+ hxg5 Chess con chili.

34.Qxg5+ Kd7 35.N7f6+ Kc8 36.Nxe8 Rxe8 -2.31/23

[⌓36...Bxf2 -5.40/24 37.Ng3 *(37.Qe7? Bg1+ 38.Kh1 Bb6-+)* 37...Bxg3+ 38.Rxg3 Nxg3 39.Qg4+ Qf5]

37.Nf6? -6.41/26

[37.Nf4 -2.31/23 Qe4 38.Nxe2 Qxe2 39.Qf5+ Kb8 40.Re4]



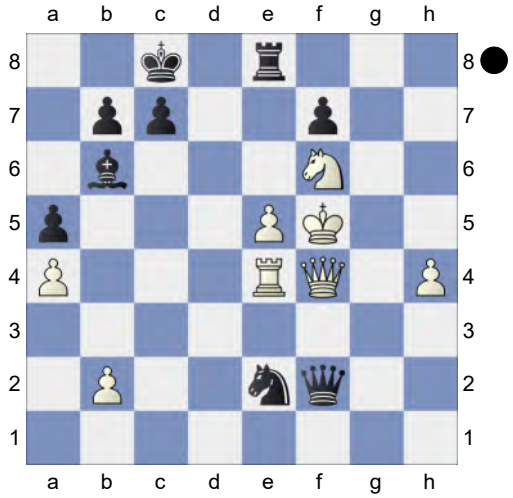
37...Qb1! (→ ...Qb1-g1+) **38.Re4**

[38.Rg3 Qg1+]

38...Qg1+ 39.Kh3 Qh1+ 40.Kg4 Qxg2+ 41.Kf5 Qf3+ -10.81/5

[⌓41...Qxf2+ -#6/14 42.Qf4

(Diagram)



Rxe5+!! 43.Kxe5 Qc5+ 44.Nd5 Qd6+ 45.Kf5 Qg6+ 46.Ke5 Qe6#]

42.Rf4 Nd4# Weighted Error Value: White=0.81/Black=0.40

0-1

200 **C54**

□ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2757**

■ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2667**

WchT Blitz Final (4.2) 15.06.2025

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 a6 6.0-0 d6 7.a4** 7.Re1 is the modern continuation. 7.Te1 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **7...Ba7 8.Re1 0-0 9.h3 h6**

[9...b5 10.Bb3 b4 11.a5 Rb8 12.Nbd2 Be6 13.Bc2 h6 14.Nf1 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Bd2 b3 17.Bb1 Qd6 18.Qe2 Rbe8 19.Ra3 f5 20.Nxe5 Bd7 21.d4 Nxd4 22.cxd4 Bxd4 23.Rxb3 Rxe5 24.Qc4 ½-½ Vachier Lagrave,M (2791)-Aronian,L (2809) 5th Sinquefield Cup 2017 (5.1)]

10.Nbd2 Re8 11.b4N

[11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bb3 *(12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.Ng3 d5 14.Qe2 a5 15.Nh4 Ne7 16.Nhf5 dxe4 17.dxe4 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 Qd7 19.Qf3 Rd8 20.Bxh6 Nxe4 21.Rxe4 gxh6 22.Qg4+ Rg6 23.Nxh6+ Kf8 24.Qxd7 Rxd7 25.Nf5 Rd2 26.Rf1 Rxb2* 1-0 Adly,A (2620)-Alharari,M (2038) 43rd Olympiad 2018 Open (1.23)*)* 12...Qd7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 d5 15.Qc2 dxe4 16.Bxe6 Qxe6 17.dxe4 Rad8 18.Rad1 Ne7 19.Rd3 Ng6 20.c4 Rxd3 21.Qxd3 Nf4 22.Qb3 Nxe4 23.Nd5 Nc5 24.Qa3 Ncd3 25.Nxf4 Nxf4 ½-½ Pedmanson,A (1939)-Jodorcovsky,A (2053) World ol U16 2023 (5.16) 26.Rxe5 Qd7 27.Qe3 Rxe5 28.Nxe5 Qd1+ 29.Kh2 Ne6 30.b3 Qd6 31.g3 Nd4 32.Ng4 h5 33.Qe8+ Qf8 34.Qe4 Nxb3 35.Ne3 Nc5 36.Qe5 Ne6 37.Qxh5 Qb4 38.Qd5 Qxa4 39.Qxb7 a5 40.Qa8+ Kh7 ½-½ 6.e3 0-0 7.♗d2 a6 (1939)-Kasapchuk,A (2053) 65/353 Groningen 1995 (5.16)]

11...Qe7

[11...Be6 12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.Rb1 d5 14.Qc2 b5 15.Ra1 Qe8 16.Nb3 bxa4 17.Rxa4 Nd4 18.Nbxd4 exd4 19.cxd4 Threatens to win with e5!. dxe4 20.dxe4 Nxe4 1-0 Nepomniachtchi,I (2773)-Grischuk,A (2742) Chess.com Rapid Wk12 KO 2022 (2.1)]

12.Rb1 Be6 13.b5N

[13.Qc2 Nd8 14.Bxe6 Nxe6 15.Nc4 ½-½ Cvak,R (2195)-Popov,V (2254) ZH-2016-0-01516]

13...axb5 14.axb5 Nb8 15.Bxe6 Qxe6 16.d4 Nbd7 17.Bb2 Bb6 18.c4 exd4 19.Nxd4 Bxd4 20.Bxd4 b6 0.63/20

[20...Ra3= -0.01/22]

21.Ra1 -0.01/25

[21.Rb3!⩲ 0.63/20]

21...Nc5 22.Rxa8 Rxa8 23.Qc2 -0.17/22

[23.Nf1!⩲ 0.38/23]

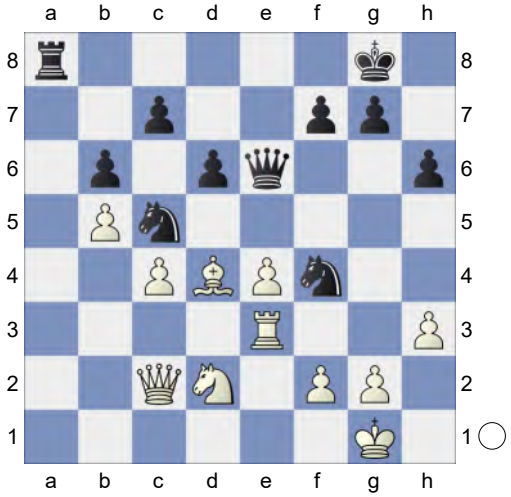
23...Nh5 0.46/23

[Better is 23...Nfd7= -0.17/22]

24.Re3 -0.39/23

[24.e5⩲ 0.46/23]

24...Nf4∓



Hoping for ...Qg6. Excellent horsemanship. **25.Kh2 f6 26.Nf1** The position is equal. **26...Ra4 27.Nd2**

[27.Bxc5 Rxc4 28.Qb1 dxc5∓]

27...Ra8 28.Nf1 Ra4 A rather calm draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise) **29.Nd2!**

[Wrong is 29.Bxc5? Rxc4 30.Qa2 Rxc5 31.Qa8+ Kh7-+]

½-½

201 **C50**

□ **So,Wesley** **2757**

■ **Lazavik,Denis** **2578**

chess.com SpeedChess 2024 (1.5)

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4**

Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Be7 7.Bg3 d6 8.a4 0-0 9.h3

[9.a5 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.0-0 b5 12.axb6 axb6 13.Nc3 Qd7 14.Qd2 Nd4 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Ne2 e5 17.c3 c5 18.cxd4 cxd4 19.Qb4 b5 20.Qb3+ Kh7 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.h3 Rc8 23.f4 Nh5 ½-½ Caruana,F (2794)-Carlsen,M (2830) CCT Finals KO 2023 (1.7)]

9...Kh8N now scores much better than the old 9...Be6. punktet besser als das ältere 9...Le6.

[9...a5 10.0-0 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.c3 Qd7 13.Nbd2 Rf7 14.Nc4 b6 15.Bxe5 dxe5 16.Ncxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qe8 18.Nxf7 Qxf7 19.Qe2 h5 20.g3 c5 21.Kg2 Qg6 22.e5 Nd5 23.Qe4 Kh7 24.h4 0-1 Santos Latasa,J (2659)-Anand,V (2749) XXXVII Magistral de León 2024 (2.3)]

[9...Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.0-0 #6 2) Italian - Fast & Furious-3...Bc5 4.d3 Nf6]

[9...Re8 10.0-0 Bf8 11.c3 Be6 12.Nbd2 Qd7 13.Re1 Rad8 14.Bh4 Be7 15.a5 a6 16.Bg3 Bf8 17.b4 #5 2) Italian - Fast & Furious-3...Bc5 4.d3 Nf6]

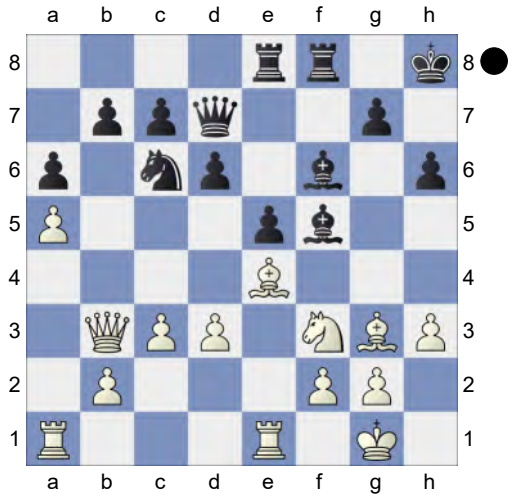
10.a5 a6 0.35/20

[10...Nh5= -0.03/20 feels stronger.]

11.0-0± Nh7 12.Nc3 f5 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.Nd5 Nf6 15.Re1 Nxd5 16.Bxd5 Qd7 17.c3 Bf6 18.Be4N

[Vorgänger: 18.Nh2 Nd8 0.65/22 *(18...Rae8=* 0.01/19 *)* 19.Ng4± Qb5 20.Be4 0.01/22 *(20.c4!±* 0.52/22 *Qxb2 21.Nxf6 Rxf6 22.d4 Qxd4 23.Qxd4 exd4 24.Re8+ Kh7 25.Rae1)* 20...Bxe4= 21.Rxe4 Ne6 22.b4 Rae8 23.h4 0.09/20 *(23.Nxf6±* 0.46/20 was preferrable. *Rxf6 24.f3)* 23...Bd8= 24.Qd2 ½-½ Ostrovskiy,A (2414)-Burke,J (2518) New York Int op 11th 2018 (5) Prevents Ne6-f4]

18...Rae8 19.Qb3



Black must now prevent Be4xf5.

19...Nd8 20.Bxf5 Qxf5 21.Re3 Qe6 22.Qa4 Qf7 23.Rae1 Re7 0.55/21

[23...Nc6= 0.16/21]

24.d4± exd4 25.Rxe7

[25.cxd4 Nc6∓]

25...Bxe7 26.Qxd4 -0.01/24

[26.cxd4 Nc6∓]

[26.Nxd4± 0.48/23 should be considered. Bf6 27.f3]

26...Bf6 27.Qe4 Nc6 28.Bh4

[28.Qa4 simplifies Re8 29.Rxe8+ Qxe8 30.Qc4]

28...Nxa5 29.Bxf6 Qxf6 30.Nh4

[30.Qb4 simplifies Qf5 31.Ra1 Nc6 32.Qxb7 Ne5 33.Nxe5 Qxf2+ 34.Kh2]

30...Qxf2+ 31.Kh2! Rf6 Threatens to win with ...d6-d5.

[31...Qxb2 32.Ng6+ Kg8 33.Qe6+ Kh7 34.Nxf8+ Kh8 35.Qg6 *(35.Ng6+ Kh7 36.Ne7 Qb3 37.Qg6+ Kh8 38.Nf5 Qg8 39.Re8* Pin *d5 40.Qxg7#* Pin*; 35.Ng6+ Kh7 36.Ne7 Qb3 37.Qg6+ Kh8 38.Nf5 Qg8 39.Re8* Pin *d5 40.Qxg7#* Pin *)*]

[31...Qf4+? 32.Qxf4 Rxf4 33.Ng6+

Kg8 34.Nxf4+-]

32.Re2 Qf1

[32...Qf4+? 33.Qxf4 Rxf4 34.Ng6+ Kg8 35.Nxf4+-]

33.Re3 Nc6 aiming for ...Nc6-e5.

[33...Qb5 simplifies 34.Ng6+ Kh7 35.Ne7+ Kh8]

34.Ng6+ Rxg6 0.93/23 **35.Qxg6=** Endgame. KQR-KQN **35...Ne5 36.Qe8+** 0.61/22

[36.Qe4± 1.00/24]

36...Kh7≜ 37.Rg3 Strongly threatening Qe8-c8. **37...Qf6 38.Qc8** -0.01/23

[38.Qa4≜ 0.57/22]

38...h5↑ Hoping for ...h5-h4. Black has some pressure. **39.Qxb7**

[39.Qxc7? h4 40.Rg4 Nxg4+ 41.hxg4 Qf4+ 42.Kh1 Qc1+ *(42...Qxg4 43.Qxd6 Qe4 44.Kh2∓)* 43.Kh2 Qxb2∓]

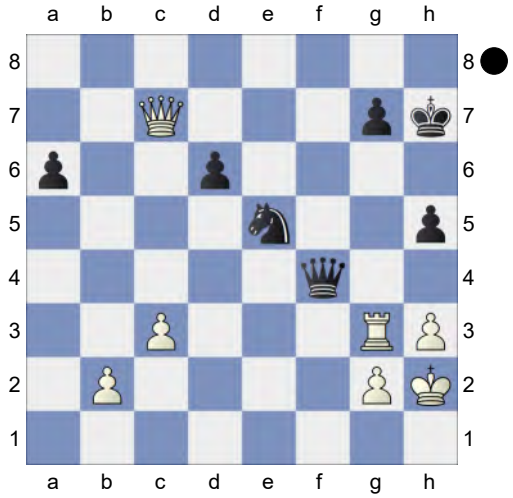
39...Qf4 Repels Qb7-e4+. (→ ...h5-h4)

[39...Qh4 40.Qxc7 *(40.Qxa6 Qf4=)* 40...Ng4+ 41.Rxg4 hxg4 42.Qxd6±]

40.Qxc7

[40.Qxa6 h4 41.Kg1 hxg3 *(41...Qxg3? 42.Qf1-+)* 42.Qe2 Qc1+ 43.Qf1 Qe3+ *(43...Qxb2? 44.Qf4-+; 43...Qc2? 44.Qf4-+)* 44.Kh1 Qf2 45.Qb1+ g6 46.h4 Qe2 *(46...Ng4* is a self mate. *47.h5 Kh8 48.Qa1 Ne3 49.Qa8+ Kg7 50.h6+ Kh7 51.Qg8+* Decoy *Kxg8 52.h7+ Kxh7 53.b4 Qxg2#)* 47.Qc1 Nd3 48.Qb1 Ne1 *(48...Nxb2 49.h5 Qxh5+ 50.Kg1 Qe2 51.Qc1 Nd3 52.Qb1 Ne1 53.Qb7 Qf2+ 54.Kh1 Qf1#; 48...Nf4* leads to mate. *49.Qg1 Nd3 50.Qb1 Ne1 51.Qxg6+* Remove Defender, Decoy *Kxg6 52.h5+ Kxh5 53.Kg1 Qxg2#; 48...Nxb2 49.h5 Qxh5+ 50.Kg1 Qe2 51.Qc1 Nd3 52.Qb1 Nf4 53.Qf1; 48...Nf4 49.Qg1 Nd3 50.Qb1 Ne1 51.Qxg6+* Remove Defender, Decoy *Kxg6 52.h5+ Kxh5 53.Kg1 Qxg2#)*]

[40.Qb4!? Nc4□ 41.h4∓]



40...Ng4+! 41.hxg4 h4 Pin **42.Qc6 Qxg3+ 43.Kh1 Qe1+** -0.51/5

[Black should try 43...a5= -0.01/23]

44.Kh2∓ Qg3+ The position is equal. **45.Kh1 Qe1+ 46.Kh2 Qg3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)

½-½

202 **C50**

□ **So,Wesley** **2757**

■ **Lazavik,Denis** **2578**

chess.com SpeedChess 2024 (1.13)

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.0-0 h6 7.h3 0-0 8.Na4 Bb6 9.a3 Re8!** is currently scoring better than 9...Be6. wohl besser als 9...Le6. **10.b4 a6N** The position is equal.

[10...Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6

A) 12.c4 Ne7 13.Re1 *(13.Rb1 c6 14.Re1 Bc7 15.d4 exd4 16.Qxd4*

Qe8 17.Nh4 c5 18.Qd1 cxb4 19.axb4 Nxe4 20.Bb2 f5 21.Nxf5 Nxf5 22.Qd5 Ng5 23.f4 Nxh3+ 24.gxh3 Qg6+ 25.Qg2 Qxg2+ 26.Kxg2 Rae8 27.Rxe6 Rxe6 Wafa,S (2137)-Stefanova,A (2416) Olympiad Women-45 2024 (2.13) 0-1 *)* 13...c6 14.Nxb6 Qxb6 15.Qc2 Ng6 16.c5 dxc5 17.bxc5 Qc7 18.d4 Qe7 19.dxe5 Nd7 20.Be3 Ngxe5 21.Nd4 Qxc5 22.Qxc5 Nxc5 23.Nxe6 Nxe6 24.a4 g5 25.a5 Nc4 26.Ra4 Nxe3 Esipenko,A (2683)-Nakamura,H (2780) AI Cup Play In rapid 2023 (6) 1/2-1/2 27.Rxe3 Rd8 28.g3 Rd1+ 29.Kg2 Rd2 30.Rc4 Nd4 31.Rcc3 Ra2 32.Red3 Ra4 33.Rd2 b6 34.axb6 axb6 35.f4 Kg7 36.Kf2 Rb4 37.fxg5 hxg5 38.Rxd4 Rxd4 39.Rxc6 Esipenko,A (2682)-Matinian,N (2475) chess.com 145/ 146 2020 1-0;

B) 12.Bb2 Nh7 13.Kh2 Ng5 14.Ng1 15) Italian 4...Bc5 5.Nc3 - D-Italian 4...Bc5 5.Nc3 - Dry d]

11.Nxb6 cxb6 12.Re1 b5 13.Bb3 Be6 14.c4N

[Vorgänger: 14.Bxe6 Rxe6 15.Bb2 d5 16.exd5 Qxd5 17.c4 Qd6 0.38/20 *(17...bxc4=* 0.01/22 *18.dxc4 Qxc4)* 18.Qb3 -0.01/21 *(18.Re3±* 0.38/20 deserves consideration.*)* 18...Nh5 0.43/23 *(18...Rd8=* -0.01/21 *)* 19.c5± Qe7! 20.d4 exd4 Strongly threatening ...Nh5-f4. 21.Rxe6 Qxe6 22.Qxe6 fxe6 23.Nxd4 Nxd4 24.Bxd4 Kollars,D (2648)-So,W (2757) Chess.com Classic Div 2 L rapid 2024 (2.2) 1/2-1/2]

14...bxc4 15.dxc4 b5 16.Qd3 bxc4 17.Bxc4 Bxc4N

[RR 17...d5 18.exd5 Bxd5 19.Bxd5 Qxd5 20.Qxd5 Nxd5 21.Bb2 f6 22.Rac1 Nce7 23.g3 Nb6 24.Nd2 Rec8 25.Kf1 Kf7 26.Ke2 a5 27.Rxc8 Nexc8 28.bxa5 Rxa5 29.Rc1 Ra7 30.Nc4 Nxc4 31.Rxc4 Nd6 32.Rb4 Navara,D (2681)-Lazavik, D (2578) Chess.com INT 2024 ½-½ (72)]

18.Qxc4 Qd7 19.Bb2 Qb7 20.Rac1 Rac8 0.62/21

[20...Ne7= 0.19/21]

21.Qd3± Red8 22.Qe2 -0.01/21

[22.Nh4± 0.55/20]

22...Ne7= 23.Nd2 Ng6 24.g3 Rxc1 25.Rxc1 Nf8 26.Qc4 Ne6 Wards off Qc4-c7 **27.Qc6 Qa7 28.Kg2** -0.20/22

[28.Rc2 0.17/23 is more appropriate.]

28...Kh7 0.23/21

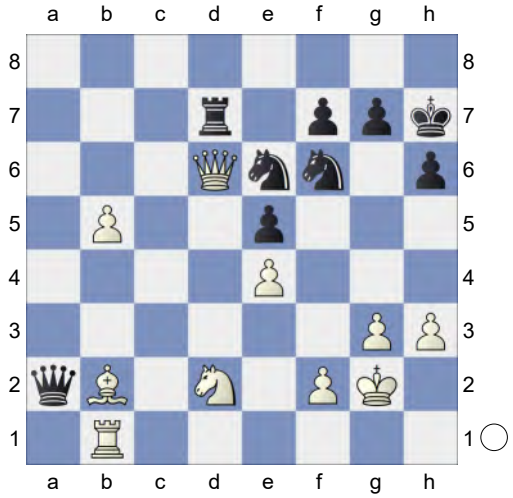
[⌓28...h5 -0.20/22]

29.a4 Rd7 30.b5 axb5 31.axb5 Qa2 32.Rb1 Rc7 33.Qxd6 -1.99/25

[33.Qa6= -0.01/25 and White is okay. Qxa6 34.bxa6]

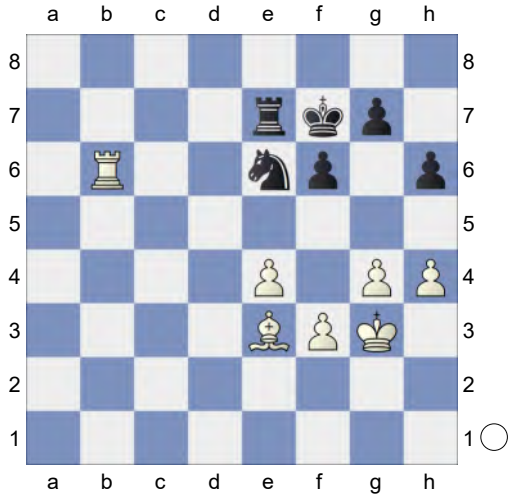
33...Rd7? 0.84/23

[33...Rc2!-+ -1.99/25 34.Qa3 *(34.Bxe5? Rxd2-+)* 34...Qxa3 35.Bxa3 Rxd2]



34.Qa6!±

[34.Qb4? Rxd2 35.Qxd2 Qxb1-+]
34...Qxa6 35.bxa6 Rxd2 36.a7 Nc7 37.Bxe5 Ra2! 38.Bxc7 Rxa7± Endgame. KRB-KRN **39.Bb8 Ra2** 1.03/23
[39...Ra8± 0.59/21]
40.Rb4± Nd7 41.Bf4 Ra7 1.18/20 Prevents Rb4-b7
[Black should try 41...Nc5 0.78/23]
42.Be3 Rc7 1.44/21
[⌂42...Ra2 1.04/22]
43.g4 0.75/22
[White should play 43.f4 1.44/21]
43...f6 1.25/22
[⌂43...Ne5 0.75/22]
44.Bf4 0.77/22
[Better is 44.f4 1.25/22]
44...Ra7 45.h4 Nf8 46.Rb6 Re7 47.f3 Ne6 48.Be3 Kg8 49.Kg3 Kf7



50.g5 0.66/27 **hxg5± 51.hxg5 Nxg5 52.Bxg5 fxg5** KR-KR **53.Rb5 Ra7 54.Rxg5 g6 55.Rb5 Ra3 56.Kg4 Re3 57.Rb7+ Kf6** 1.16/30
[57...Ke6!± 0.50/30]
58.Rb6+ 0.58/29
[58.Kf4± 1.16/30 Re1 59.Rb6+ Kg7 60.Ke5]
58...Kf7 59.Rb4 Ra3 60.e5 Re3? 5.77/30
[60...Ra1± 0.32/30]
61.Rb7++- Ke6 62.Rb6+? 0.28/30 **Kf7!= 63.Rb7+ Ke6 64.f4+-** 6.02/32 White is clearly winning. **64...Re1 65.Kg5** Rb7-b6+ is the strong threat. **65...Rg1+ 66.Kh6** Rb7-b6+ would now be deadly. **66...Rg4 67.Rb6+** Skewer **67...Ke7 68.Rf6**
[68.Rxg6 Rxf4 69.Kg5 Rf2=]
68...Kd7 69.Kh7
[And not 69.Rxg6 Rxf4 70.Kg5 Rf2=]
69...Ke7 70.Kg7
[Weaker is 70.Rxg6 Rh4+ 71.Rh6 Rxf4=]
70...Ke8 71.Rf7 Threatens to win with e5-e6.
[Not 71.Rxg6 Rxf4 72.Re6+ Kd7 73.Rd6+ Ke7=]
71...Rg1 72.Kf6 g5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) / Black=0.35. Loss on time!?
0-1

203 **C53**
□ **Nepomniachtchi,I.** **2757**
■ **Grischuk,A.** **2667**
FIDE World Bl Team Final blitz (4.2)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 a6 6.0-0 d6 7.a4** 7.Re1 is the modern continuation. 7.Te1 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **7...Ba7 8.Re1 0-0 9.h3** White has an edge. **9...h6**
[9...b5 10.Bb3 b4 11.a5 Rb8 12.Nbd2 Be6 13.Bc2 h6 14.Nf1 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Bd2 b3 17.Bb1 Qd6 18.Qe2 Rbe8 19.Ra3 f5 20.Nxe5 Bd7 21.d4 Nxd4 22.cxd4 Bxd4 23.Rxb3 Rxe5 24.Qc4

½-½ Vachier Lagrave,M (2791)-Aronian,L (2809) 5th Sinquefield Cup 2017 (5.1)]

10.Nbd2 Re8 11.b4N

[11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bb3 *(12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.Ng3 d5 14.Qe2 a5 15.Nh4 Ne7 16.Nhf5 dxe4 17.dxe4 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 Qd7 19.Qf3 Rd8 20.Bxh6 Nxe4 21.Rxe4 gxh6 22.Qg4+ Rg6 23.Nxh6+ Kf8 24.Qxd7 Rxd7 25.Nf5 Rd2 26.Rf1 Rxb2* 1-0 Adly,A (2620)-Alharari,M (2038) 43rd Olympiad 2018 Open (1.23)*)* 12...Qd7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 d5 15.Qc2 dxe4 16.Bxe6 Qxe6 17.dxe4 Rad8 18.Rad1 Ne7 19.Rd3 Ng6 20.c4 Rxd3 21.Qxd3 Nf4 22.Qb3 Nxe4 23.Nd5 Nc5 24.Qa3 Ncd3 25.Nxf4 Nxf4 ½-½ Pedmanson,A (1939)-Jodorcovsky,A (2053) World ol U16 2023 (5.16) 26.Rxe5 Qd7 27.Qe3 Rxe5 28.Nxe5 Qd1+ 29.Kh2 Ne6 30.b3 Qd6 31.g3 Nd4 32.Ng4 h5 33.Qe8+ Qf8 34.Qe4 Nxb3 35.Ne3 Nc5 36.Qe5 Ne6 37.Qxh5 Qb4 38.Qd5 Qxa4 39.Qxb7 a5 40.Qa8+ Kh7 ½-½ 6.e3 0-0 7.♗d2 a6 (1939)-Kasapchuk,A (2053) 65/353 Groningen 1995 (5.16)]

11...Qe7

[11...Be6 12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.Rb1 d5 14.Qc2 b5 15.Ra1 Qe8 16.Nb3 bxa4 17.Rxa4 Nd4 18.Nbxd4 exd4 19.cxd4 Threatens to win with e5!. dxe4 20.dxe4 Nxe4 1-0 Nepomniachtchi,I (2773)-Grischuk,A (2742) Chess.com Rapid Wk12 KO 2022 (2.1)]

12.Rb1 Be6 13.b5N -0.01/21

[13.Qc2 Nd8 14.Bxe6 Nxe6 15.Nc4 ½-½ Cvak,R (2195)-Popov,V (2254) ZH-2016-0-01516]

[13.Qc2± 0.35/24]

13...axb5= 14.axb5 Nb8 15.Bxe6 Qxe6 16.d4 Nbd7 17.Bb2 -0.51/21

[17.Rb4= -0.13/20]

17...Bb6∓ 18.c4 exd4 19.Nxd4 Bxd4 20.Bxd4 b6 0.68/20

[Better is 20...Ra3= 0.01/21]

21.Ra1 -0.01/24

[21.Rb3!± 0.68/20]

21...Nc5 22.Rxa8 Rxa8 23.Qc2 -0.21/21

[23.Nf1 0.25/22 might be stronger.]

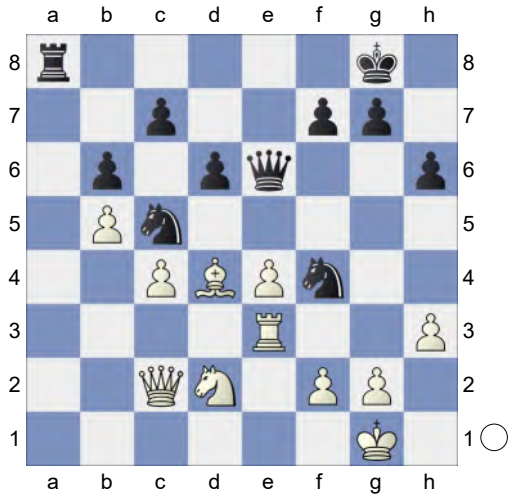
23...Nh5 0.42/24

[23...Nfd7= -0.21/21]

24.Re3 -0.32/25

[24.e5!± 0.42/24]

24...Nf4



Hoping for ...Qg6. Excellent horsemanship. **25.Kh2 f6 26.Nf1** The position is equal. **26...Ra4 27.Nd2**

[27.Bxc5? Rxc4 28.Qb1 dxc5-+]

27...Ra8 28.Nf1 Ra4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.15 (very precise) **29.Nd2!**

[Avoid the trap 29.Bxc5? Rxc4 30.Qd1 Rxc5-+ *(30...dxc5 31.Qd8+ Kh7 32.Qxc7∓)*]

½-½

204 **C50**
□ **So,Wesley** **2757**
■ **Dubov,Daniil** **2707**
Chess.com Classic Div 2 L rapid (4.1)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo Berliner Schacherinnerungen, 1859, S. 55-56 C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo Berliner Schacherinnerungen, 1859, S.55-56

1.e4 Tassilo von Heydebrand und der Lasa Kitty Kat John Watson Stach **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 d6 5.d3 h6 6.0-0 Bb6 7.a4**

[RR 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Bb3 *(RR 8.b4 0-0 9.Re1 Ng4 10.Re2 Ne7 11.d4 exd4 12.cxd4 Ng6 13.h3 Nf6 14.a4 a5 15.b5 d5 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Qb3 Ndf4 18.Re4 Be6 19.Bxe6 Nxe6 20.Ba3 Re8 21.Rae1 Qd7 22.Qe3 Red8)* 8...a5 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3 *(RR 13.a4 Rf7 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 Qd7 16.Nh4 Rd8 17.Ng6 b6 18.Nd2 Qe8 19.Rg3;* RR *13.a4 Rf7 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 Qd7 16.Nh4 Rd8 17.Ng6 b6 18.Nd2 Qe8 19.Rg3)* 13...Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 *(RR 19...Nh5)* 20.Nb1 Ne4 21.Nc3 Nxc3 Firouzja,A (2785)-So,W (2760) Bucharest Superbet Classic 3rd 2023 (1) 0-1 0-1 Firouzja,A (2785)-So,W (2760) Bucharest Superbet Classic 3rd 2023 (1) Firouzja,A (2785)-So,W (2760) Bucharest Superbet Classic 3rd 2023 (1) 0-1 Gazi,M (2785)-Sudgen,J (2760) Internet 2023 CHECK99 [John Watson] 0-1 (72) Firouzja,A (2785)-So,W (2760) Bucharest 2023 Mega2023 Update 28 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (72)]

[RR 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Bb3 a5 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 20.Nb1 Ne4 21.Nc3 Nxc3 Gazi,M (2785)-Sudgen,J (2760) Internet 2023 CHECK99 [John Watson] 0-1 (72)]

[RR 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Bb3 a5 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 20.Nb1 Ne4 21.Nc3 Nxc3 Firouzja,A (2785)-So,W (2760) Bucharest 2023 Mega2023 Update 28 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (72)]

[RR 7.Re1 Nge7 8.b4 Ng6 9.a4 a6 10.a5 Ba7 11.Be3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Kh8 13.Bxa7 Rxa7 14.d4 Nf4 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nb3 Qf6 17.Re3 Rd8 18.Qf1 Bg4 19.Ne1 Ne7 20.f3 Be6 21.Bxe6 fxe6]

7...a5

[RR 7...Nge7 8.d4 *(RR 8.b4 a6 9.a5 Ba7 10.Be3 0-0 11.Nbd2 Kh8 12.Bxa7 Rxa7 13.d4 exd4 14.Nxd4)* 8...exd4 9.Nxd4 0-0 10.Be3 Bxd4 11.Bxd4 Be6 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Be3 Kh8 14.Nd2 e5 15.Qg4 Qe8 16.Rfd1 Ng8 17.Nf1 Nf6 18.Qh4 Na5 19.f3 Ng8 20.b4 Nc4 21.Qf2 Qe6 22.a5 Gkavardinas,A (2208)-Raczek,K (2443) Stockholm 2025 0-1 (91)]

8.Nbd2N White is slightly better.

[RR 8.Be3 Ba7 9.Nbd2 Nf6 10.Qc2 g5 11.d4 g4 12.Ne1 exd4 13.cxd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Bxd4 15.Bxf7+ Kf8 16.Ba2 Qe7 17.Kh1 h5 18.Nd3 h4 19.Nf4 Rh6 20.e5 dxe5 21.Ng6+ Rxg6 22.Qxg6 Bxb2 Bledow,L-Von

Heydebrand und der Lasa,T Match Bledow-Von Heydebrand 1839 1/2-1/2 ½-½ Bledow,L-Von Heydebrand und der Lasa,T Match Bledow-Von Heydebrand 1839 Bledow,L-Von Heydebrand und der Lasa,T Match Bledow-Von Heydebrand 1839 1/2-1/2 Chapter11-7. ♗xb4 ♕xe4+ 8. ♘e2 Augsburg 1839 CBM 089 ext [Stach] ½-½ (38) Bledow,L-Von Heydebrand und der Lasa,T Berlin 1839 EXT 2022 [Tassilo von Heydebrand und der Lasa] ½-½ (38) 23.Ne4 Qg7 24.Qxf6+ Qxf6 25.Nxf6 Bxa1 26.Rxa1 Ra6 27.Ne4 Bf5 28.f3 h3 29.Rf1 Ke7 30.Nc5 Rc6 31.fxg4 hxg2+ 32.Kxg2 Bxg4 33.Rf7+ Ke8 34.Ne4 Rc2+ 35.Rf2 Bf5 36.Bd5 Bxe4+ 37.Bxe4 Rxf2+ Chapter11-7. Bxb4 Qxe4+ 8.Ne2 Augsburg 1993 1/2-1/2 ½-½ Chapter11-7. ♗xb4 ♕xe4+ 8.♘e2 Augsburg 1993 38.Kxf2 c6 Chapter11-7.Bxb4 Qxe4+ 8. Ne2 Augsburg 1993 1/2-1/2 ½-½ Chapter11-7. ♗xb4 ♕xe4+ 8. ♘e2 Augsburg 1993]

[RR 8.Be3 Ba7 9.Nbd2 Nf6 10.Qc2 g5 11.d4 g4 12.Ne1 exd4 13.cxd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Bxd4 15.Bxf7+ Kf8 16.Ba2 Qe7 17.Kh1 h5 18.Nd3 h4 19.Nf4 Rh6 20.e5 dxe5 21.Ng6+ Rxg6 22.Qxg6 Bxb2 Chapter11-7. ♗xb4 ♕xe4+ 8. ♘e2 Augsburg 1839 CBM 089 ext [Stach] ½-½ (38)]

[RR 8.Be3 Ba7 9.Nbd2 Nf6 10.Qc2 g5 11.d4 g4 12.Ne1 exd4 13.cxd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Bxd4 15.Bxf7+ Kf8 16.Ba2 Qe7 17.Kh1 h5 18.Nd3 h4 19.Nf4 Rh6 20.e5 dxe5 21.Ng6+ Rxg6 22.Qxg6 Bxb2 Bledow,L-Von Heydebrand und der Lasa,T Berlin 1839 EXT 2022 [Tassilo von Heydebrand und der Lasa] ½-½ (38)]

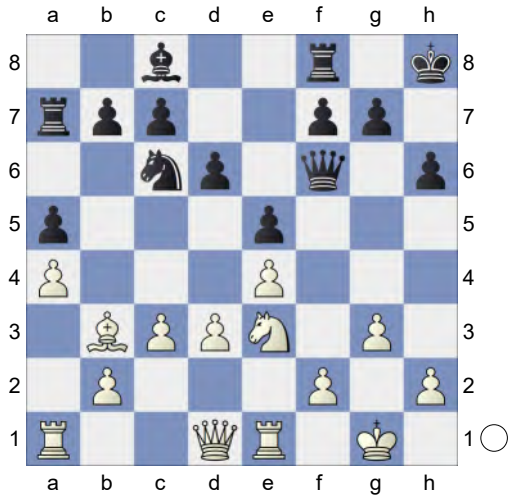
8...Nge7 9.Bb3 0-0 10.Re1 -0.02/19

[10.Nc4± 0.38/20]

10...Kh8 11.Nc4 Ba7 12.Be3 Ng6 0.63/21

[12...f5= -0.01/21]

13.Bxa7± Rxa7 14.Ne3 White is more active. **14...Nh4 15.Nxh4 Qxh4 16.g3 Qf6**



17.f4! exf4 18.Rf1 Qg5 19.Rxf4 Bh3 Black is now going downhill. **20.Nd5**

[20.Rxf7? Qxe3+ 21.Kh1 Rxf7-+]

[20.Bxf7? Rxf7 21.Ng2 Qg6-+]

20...Ne5 1.69/22

[20...Ne7± 0.70/22]

21.Nxc7+- Bg4 2.60/21

[⌓21...b6 1.61/22]

22.Qf1 aiming for d3-d4! **22...Qh5 23.Bd1** Prevents Ne5-f3+ **23...Bxd1 24.Qxd1 Qg6** 3.17/21

[⌓24...Ng4 1.82/23 25.Qxg4 *(25.Rxg4 Qc5+ 26.Kg2 Qxc7±)* 25...Qc5+ 26.d4 Qxc7]

25.d4 Nd7 26.Qf3 Nb6? 5.21/22

[26...Nf6 3.12/22 might work better. 27.Rf1 Rd8 28.Rxf6 Qxf6 29.Qxf6 gxf6 30.Rxf6 Kg7]

27.Rg4 Qh5 28.Ne6 Pin, Double Attack **28...f5 29.Rf1 Raa8 30.exf5 Rf7 31.b3** Against Nb6-c4 **31...Nd5 32.Nf4 Nxf4 33.Rxf4**

[Inferior is 33.gxf4 Qxf5 34.d5 Re8=]

33...Qg5 4.88/23

[⊿33...Qxf3 3.33/23 34.R1xf3 *(34.R4xf3 Kg8+-)* 34...Raf8]

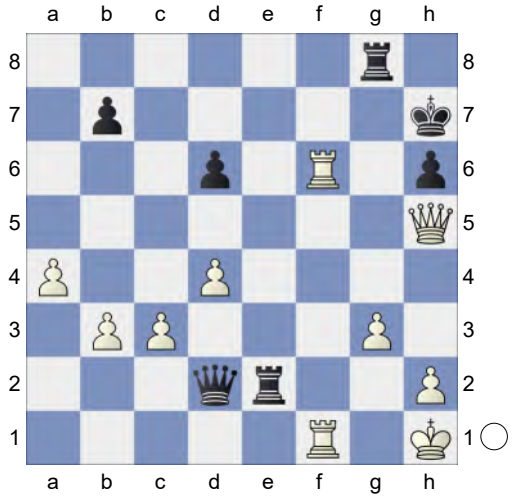
34.f6 White is clearly winning. **34...Rg8 35.fxg7+ Rfxg7 36.Kh1 Rg6 37.Rf5 Qd2 38.Rxa5 Re6 39.Rf5 Re2 40.Qh5** Threatens to win with Rf5-f6.

[40.Qxb7? gets mated. Rxh2+ 41.Kg1 Rxg3+]

40...Qe3 41.R5f3 Qd2 14.48/25

[⊿41...Qg5 4.76/24 42.Qxg5 hxg5]

42.Rf6 Kh7



43.Rxh6+!! Qxh6 44.Qxe2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) / Black=0.47

1-0

205 **C54**

☐ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2757**

■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2787**

Bucharest Superbet Classic 5th (6)

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**

[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]

5...a6N

[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3)]

6.Bg5 d6 7.Nbd2! 7.Nbd2 scores better than 7.a4. 7.Sbd2 punktet besser als 7.a4. **7...Ba7 8.a4 Ne7** The position is equal. **9.Bxf6** 0.01/20

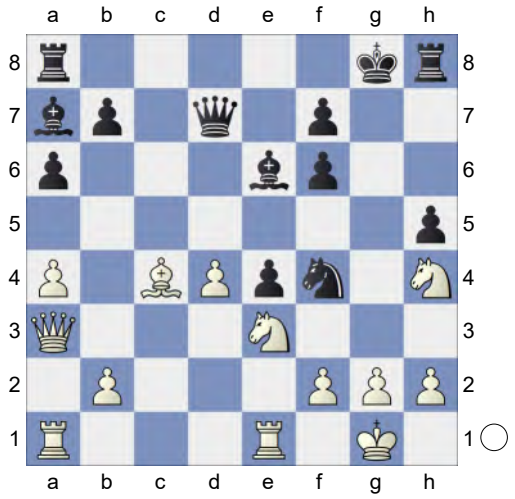
[9.0-0± 0.41/20]

9...gxf6= 10.0-0N

[10.d4 Rg8 11.Qb3 Rg7 12.0-0-0 -0.59/22 *(12.Nf1± 0.39/21)* 12...c6 13.g3 -0.97/21 *(13.Qa3∓ -0.42/20)* 13...b5∓ 14.Be2 Be6 15.Qa3 Qc7 16.Nb3 ½-½ Ponomariov,R (2709)-Vallejo Pons,F (2711) EU-ch blitz Tallinn 2016 (15)]

10...Ng6 11.d4 h5 12.Re1 Nf4 13.Nf1

-0.41/21
[13.Nh4± 0.41/21]
13...c6 0.57/21
[13...Bg4!∓ -0.41/21]
14.Ne3!± d5 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Bf1 e4 17.Nh4 Be6 18.c4! Kf8 1.76/20
[18...Rg8± 0.35/23 19.Kh1 dxc4]
19.Qb3!+- Qd7 20.cxd5 Nxd5 21.Bc4 Nf4 2.61/21
[21...Nxe3± 1.05/23 22.Bxe6 *(22.Rxe3 Bxc4 23.Qxc4 Qxd4±; 22.fxe3 Rh6±)* 22...Qxe6 23.Rxe3 *(23.Qxe3 f5=; 23.Qxb7 Qd5=)* 23...Qxb3 24.Rxb3 f5 25.Nxf5 *(25.Rxb7 Rh6+-)* 25...h4]
22.Qa3+ Kg8



23.Nef5 0.22/23 **Bb8?** 4.78/27
[23...Bxc4? 24.Qg3+ Ng6 25.Nxg6 *(25.Rxe4 Bb8=)* 25...fxg6 26.Qxg6+ Kf8 27.Qxf6+ Kg8 28.Ra3+- *(28.Rxe4 Rh7+-; 28.Ne7+ Qxe7 29.Qxe7 Rh7+-)*]
[23...Bxf5= 0.22/23 and Black stays safe. 24.Qg3+ Bg4]
24.Qg3+ 2.04/5
[⌂24.Bxe6 4.78/27 Intending Qg3+ and mate. fxe6 25.Rxe4]
24...Ng6 25.Bxe6 Qxe6 26.Qe3 Ba7 27.Qxe4 Nxh4 28.Ne7+
[28.Nxh4 Qxe4 29.Rxe4 Rc8±]
[28.Qxb7 Qxf5 29.Qxa8+ Kg7 30.Qxa7 Qg5=]
28...Kg7 Threatens to win with ...Qxe4.
29.Qxh4 Qg4 30.Qxg4+ 1.25/24
[30.Re4+- 3.23/24 Qxh4 31.Nf5+ *(31.Rxh4 Rhe8±)* 31...Kg6 32.Nxh4+ Kh6 33.g3]
30...hxg4± 31.Re4! Kf8 32.Rae1 White is more active. **32...Rd8 33.Rxg4**
[33.Nf5?! Rh5 34.Ng3 *(34.Rf4 Bb8=)* 34...Rhd5=]
33...Bxd4 34.Nf5↑ Keeping Black busy.
34...Bxb2 2.23/25
[34...Be5± 1.34/23]
35.Rge4? 0.69/22
[35.h4+- 2.23/25]
35...Bc3± 36.Rb1 b5 37.axb5 0.43/25
[37.g4± 0.85/25 b4 38.Kg2]
37...axb5 38.h4 b4 39.g4 Kg8? 2.43/29
[39...Rd7± 0.32/24]
40.Re7+- Rd5 41.Kg2! Black must now prevent Rb7. **41...Rxf5?** 4.52/25
[41...Kf8 2.01/26 was necessary. 42.Rb7 Rxf5 43.gxf5 Rxh4 44.Rb8+ Kg7]
42.Re8+? 1.23/33
[42.gxf5+- 4.52/25 Rxh4 43.Re8+ Kg7 44.Kf3 Rh3+ 45.Ke4]
42...Kg7± 43.Rxh8 Rxf2+ 44.Kxf2 Kxh8 Endgame KR-KB **45.Ke3 Kg7 46.Kd3! f5 47.gxf5 Kh6 48.Ke3** 0.28/33
[Better is 48.Rf1!± 1.15/34]
48...Kh5= 49.Kf4 Kh6 50.Kg4 Kg7 51.h5 White stays focused until the end.
51...Kh6 1.30/35
[51...f6= 0.15/37 remains equal.]

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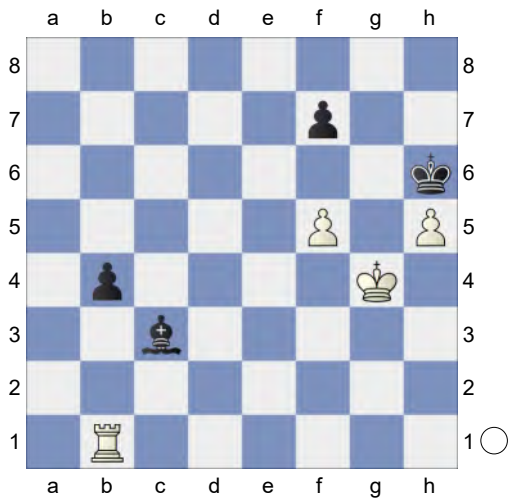
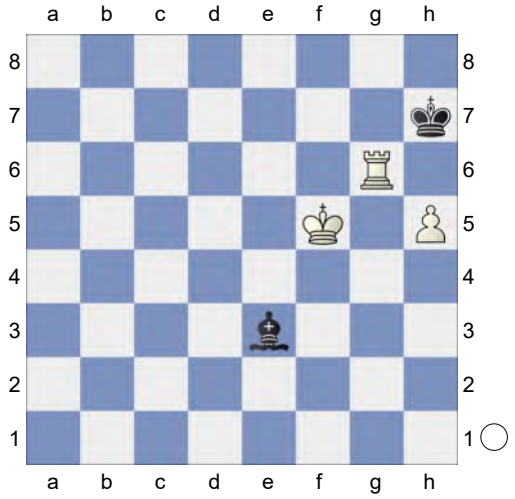
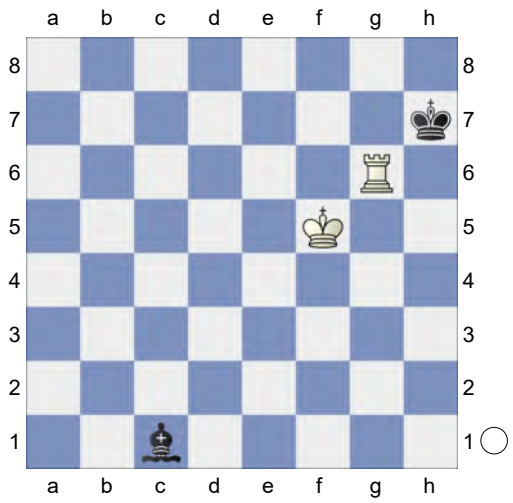


52.f6!± Deflection **52...Bxf6 53.Rxb4 Bg5?** 11.98/29
[53...Ba1± 1.08/34 54.Rb6+ f6]
54.Rb7 f6 55.Rf7 Bd2 56.Rxf6+ Kg7 57.Rd6 Bc1 58.Kf5 White mates.
58...Be3 59.Rg6+ Kh7



60.h6! Bc1
[60...Bd2 61.Rg7+]
61.Rg7+ Kxh6 62.Rg6+ Kh7

(Diagram)



63.Kf6! Be3 64.Kf7 Ba7 65.Ra6 Bb8 66.Rb6 Bc7 67.Rb7 Bf4 68.Rb4 Bg5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.74 **69.Rb1**
1-0

206 **C53**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2757**
■ **Gukesh,D.** **2787**
Superbet ROM Classic 2025 (6.3)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...a6N
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5

Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3)]

6.Bg5 d6 7.Nbd2! 7.Nbd2 scores better than 7.a4. 7.Sbd2 punktet besser als 7.a4. **7...Ba7 8.a4 Ne7** The position is equal. **9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.0-0N**

[10.d4 Rg8 11.Qb3 Rg7! 12.0-0-0 -0.60/20 *(12.Nf1± 0.37/18)* 12...c6∓ 13.g3 b5 14.Be2 Be6 15.Qa3 Qc7 16.Nb3 -0.95/18 ;½-½ Ponomariov,R (2709)-Vallejo Pons,F (2711) EU-ch blitz Tallinn 2016 (15) *(16.Nf1∓ -0.56/18)*]

10...Ng6 11.d4 h5 12.Re1 Nf4 0.65/19

[12...c6= 0.17/19 is more appropriate.]

13.Nf1 -0.24/18

[13.Nh4± 0.65/19]

13...c6 0.60/19

[13...Bg4!= -0.24/18]

14.Ne3!± d5 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Bf1 e4 17.Nh4↑ White has the initiative.

17...Be6 18.c4 Kf8 1.29/19

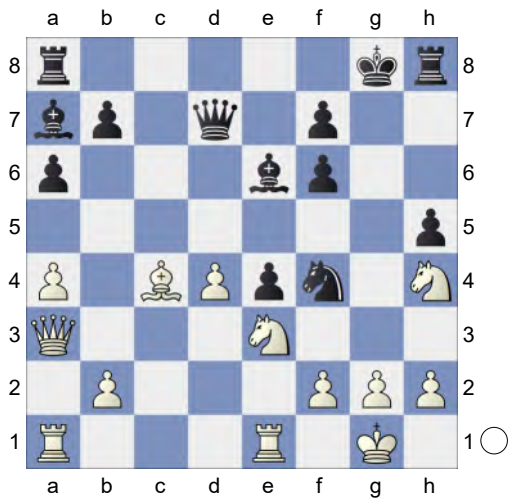
[18...Rg8± 0.33/22 19.g3 dxc4]

19.Qb3 Qd7 20.cxd5! Nxd5 21.Bc4 Nf4 2.70/22

[21...Nxe3± 1.33/22 22.fxe3 Rh6]

22.Qa3+ Kg8

(Diagram)



23.Nef5 0.51/22 **Bb8?** 4.52/27

[23...Bxc4? 24.Qg3+ Ng6 25.Nxg6 *(25.Rxe4 Bb8±)* 25...fxg6 26.Qxg6+ Kf8 27.Qxf6+ Kg8 28.Ra3+- *(28.Rxe4 Qf7+-; 28.Ne7+ Qxe7 29.Qxe7 Rh7+-)*]

[23...Bxf5± 0.51/22 24.Qg3+ Bg4]

24.Qg3+? 1.76/5

[24.Bxe6 4.52/27 White threatens Qg3+ and mate. fxe6 25.Rxe4]

24...Ng6+- 25.Bxe6 Qxe6 26.Qe3 Ba7 27.Qxe4 Nxh4 28.Ne7+

[28.Nxh4 Qxe4 29.Rxe4 Rc8±]

[28.Qxb7 Qxf5 29.Qxa8+ Kh7 30.Qxa7 Rg8=]

28...Kg7 29.Qxh4 Qg4 30.Qxg4+ 1.26/22

[30.Re4+- 3.10/22 and the rest is easy. Qxh4 31.Nf5+ *(31.Rxh4 Rhe8±)* 31...Kg6 32.Nxh4+ Kh6 33.Rf4]

30...hxg4± 31.Re4! Kf8 32.Rae1 White is more active. **32...Rd8 33.Rxg4**

[33.Nf5?! Rh5 34.Ng3 *(34.Rf4 Bb8=)* 34...Rhd5±]

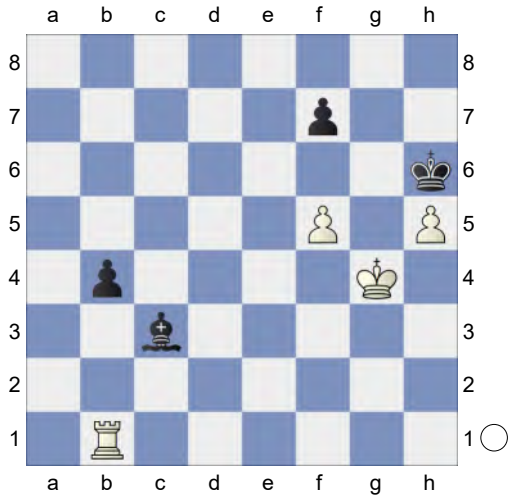
33...Bxd4 34.Nf5 Bxb2 35.Rge4 0.86/24

[35.h4+- 1.63/25]

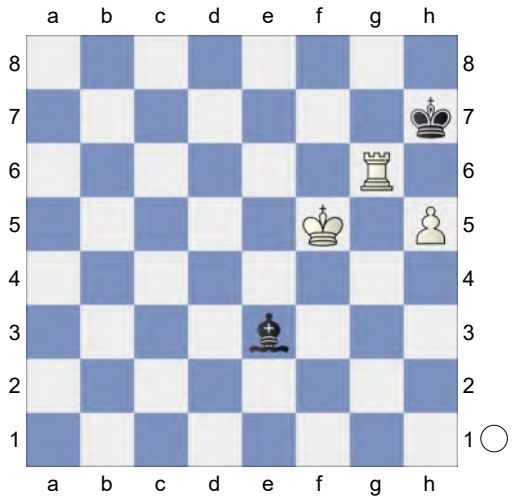
35...Bc3 36.Rb1 b5 Prevents Rc4

37.axb5 0.39/23

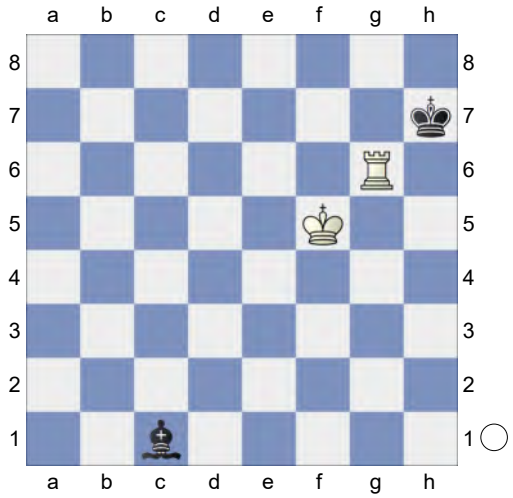
[37.g4± 0.78/25]
37...axb5± **38.h4** **b4** **39.g4** **Kg8?** 2.26/26
[39...Rd7!± 0.40/25]
40.Re7!+- **Rd5** **41.Kg2** **Rxf5** 4.20/26
[41...Kf8 2.83/24 was necessary. 42.Re4 Rg8]
42.Re8+? 1.19/32
[42.gxf5+- 4.20/26 Rxh4 43.Re8+ Kg7 44.Kf3]
42...Kg7± **43.Rxh8** **Rxf2+** 1.21/31
[Black should play 43...Rf4 0.80/27 44.Rh5 *(44.Kg3 Rxf2 45.Rb8 Rd2=)* 44...Rxg4+ 45.Kf3 Rd4]
44.Kxf2 **Kxh8** Endgame KR-KB **45.Ke3** **Kg7** **46.Kd3!** **f5** **47.gxf5** Rg1+ would now be deadly. **47...Kh6** **48.Ke3?** 0.17/32
[White should try 48.Rh1+- 3.23/32 Kh5 49.Kc4]
48...Kh5= **49.Kf4** **Kh6** **50.Kg4** **Kg7** **51.h5** **Kh6** 1.35/36
[51...f6!= 0.01/36 remains equal.]



Black is on the road to losing. **52.f6!±** Deflection **52...Bxf6** **53.Rxb4** **Bg5** 12.64/29 Wards off Rf4
[53...Be5± 1.13/38 54.Rc4 Kh7]
54.Rb7+- **f6** **55.Rf7** **Bd2** **56.Rxf6+** **Kg7** **57.Rd6** **Bc1** **58.Kf5** **Be3** **59.Rg6+** **Kh7**



60.h6! **Bc1** **61.Rg7+** **Kxh6** **62.Rg6+** **Kh7**



63.Kf6! White mates. **63...Be3** **64.Kf7** **Ba7** **65.Ra6** **Bb8** **66.Rb6** **Bc7** **67.Rb7** **Bf4** **68.Rb4** **Bg5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/Black=0.70 **69.Rb1**
1-0

207 **C50**
□ **Nepomniachtchi,I..** **2755**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2831**
CCT Final RR 2024 rapid (2.2) 17.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3 h6 6.Be3 Bb6 7.Bxb6N**

[7.h3 d6 8.Qd2 Nd4 *(8...Be6 9.Bb3 Qd7 10.Ne2 Ba5 11.c3 d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Ng3 Nxe3 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.Qxe3 Bb6 16.Qe2 Qd6 17.0-0 0-0-0 18.Rad1 Rhf8 19.b4 Rd7 20.Rfe1 a6 21.Nxe5 Nxe5 22.Qxe5 Qxe5 23.Rxe5* 0-1 Colas,J (2200)-Kulkarni,V (2310) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early blitz 2022 (4) 0-1 Colas,J (2200)-Kulkarni,V (2310) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early blitz 2022 (4)*; 8...Qe7 9.a3 Be6 10.Bxe6 Qxe6 11.Bxb6 axb6 12.Nb5 0-0-0 13.c4 Nh5 14.Nh4 Nf4 15.g3 Qf6 16.Nf5 Ne6 17.Qd1 Ned4 18.Ne3 Qf3 19.Qxf3 Nxf3+ 20.Kf1 Nfd4 21.Nxd4 Nxd4 22.Rc1 c6 23.Kg2* ½-½ Halprin,A-Tarrasch,S Imperial Jubilee tournament 1898 (26) ½-½ Halprin,A-Tarrasch,S Imperial Jubilee tournament 1898 (26)*)* 9.a3 Be6 10.Nd5 Nxf3+ 11.gxf3 Nxd5 12.exd5 Bf5 13.Rg1 g6 14.Bxh6 Bxh3 15.0-0-0 Qh4 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.fxe3 0-0-0 18.Qa5 Kb8 19.d4 exd4 20.Rxd4 Qf2 21.Rgd1 Qxe3+ 1-0 4 Nf3 c5 5 g3-Heinrich,G WchT Students 06th 1959 (2) 1-0 4 Nf3 c5 5 g3-Heinrich,G WchT Students 06th 1959 (2) 22.Kb1 Qxf3 23.Ba6 b6 24.Qa4 Bc8 25.Bc4 Rh1 26.c3 Bg4 27.Bb3 Rxd1+ 28.Bxd1 Qf5+ 29.Bc2 Qf1+ 30.Ka2 Bd7 31.Qb3 Re8 32.Rd1 Qb5 33.Qxb5 Bxb5 34.Kb3 a5 35.a4 Bd7 36.Rf1 Rf8 1-0 Morales,J-Alonso,S COL-ch U14 Cartagena 2023 (2) 1-0 Morales,J-Alonso,S COL-ch U14 Cartagena 2023 (2)]

7...axb6 8.d4 seems to push 8.0-0 aside. setzt sich inzwischen gegen 8.0-0 durch. seems to push 8.0-0 aside. setzt sich inzwischen gegen 8.0-0 durch. **8...exd4** 0.30/23

[8...Nxe4! -0.16/26 deserves consideration. 9.Nxe4 d5]

9.Nxd4= 0-0 10.Ndb5! White is slightly better. **10...Re8 11.0-0 d6 12.Re1 Ne5** 'N' 'N'

[12...Na7 13.e5 Nxb5 14.Bxb5 c6 15.exf6 Rxe1+ 16.Qxe1 cxb5 17.fxg7 Qg5 18.Qe8+ Kxg7 19.Qxb5 1-0 Santos Latasa,J (2631)-Meskovs, N (2540) CrunchLab Masters PlayIn rapid 2024 (7)]

13.Bf1 Bd7 14.Qd2 Ng6 15.a4 Bxb5 16.Bxb5 c6 17.Bf1 Qc7 18.Rad1 Rad8 19.f4 Nf8 20.g3 Ne6 0.75/18

[20...d5⩲ 0.34/21]

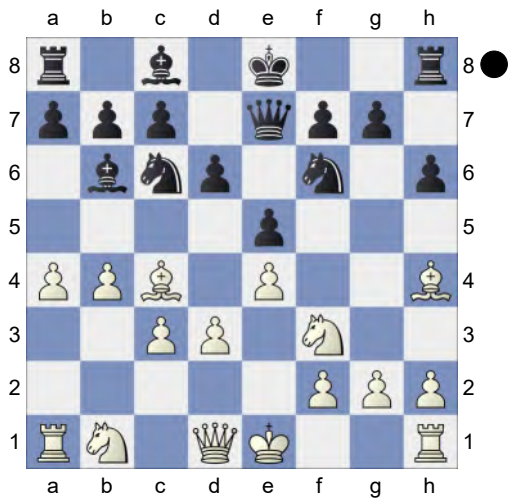
21.Bg2± b5 22.axb5 cxb5 23.h3 b4 24.Nd5 -0.06/19

[24.Na2⩲ 0.34/18]

24...Nxd5= 25.exd5 Qb6+ 26.Kh2 Nc5 27.b3 Nd7 28.g4 Qc5 29.Re2 Rxe2 30.Qxe2 Nf6 31.Qc4 Qxc4 32.bxc4 Endgame. KRB-KRN Endgame. KRB-KRN **32...Rc8 33.Bf1 Ne4 34.Kg2 Kf8 35.Rb1 Nc5 36.Rxb4 Ra8 37.Bd3 Ra3 38.g5 hxg5** The position is equal. **39.fxg5 g6 40.h4 Ra1 41.Rb2 Ke7 42.Be2 Re1 43.Kf2 Rh1 44.Kg3 Re1 45.Kf2 Rh1 46.Kg3 Re1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) / Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

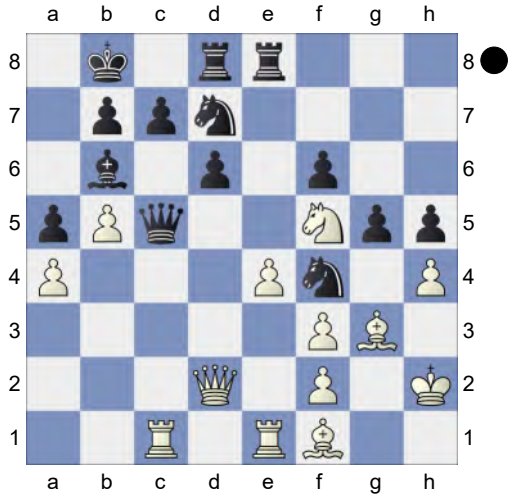
208 **C53**
□ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2755**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2831**
CCT Final KO 2024 rapid (2.2) 21.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**
[5.0-0 Qe7 6.d4 Bb6 7.Bg5 d6 8.a4 a6 9.Re1 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Na3 g5 12.Re2 Ne7 13.Bd3 Ng6 14.Nc4 Ba7 15.Bc2 Bg4 16.Re3 0-0-0 17.h3 h5 18.hxg4 hxg4 19.Nh2 Rh4 0-1 Budzyn,M (2084)-Rafiee,M (2282) Walsrode Chessemy op-A 2023 (7)]
5...d6N
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Rudolph, J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3)]
6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.b4 Bxf6! is the strong threat. **8...Bb6 9.a4** -0.79/20
[9.0-0= -0.15/20 remains equal.]



9...a5!∓ 10.b5 Black is better. **10...Nd8 11.Nbd2 Ne6 12.0-0 Nf4 13.d4 Bg4 14.Qb3 0-0-0 15.Rfe1 g5** Black is more active. **16.Bg3 Bh5 17.Bf1 Kb8 18.Rad1 Rhe8 19.Nc4 Bxf3 20.gxf3 Qe6 21.Qc2 h5 22.Ne3** -2.41/22
[22.Kh1∓ -1.39/19]
22...exd4-+ 23.Nf5 -3.13/20
[23.cxd4 -2.01/16 was necessary. Nh3+ 24.Kg2]
23...dxc3 And now ...Qe5 would win.
24.Qxc3 -3.09/21
[⌓24.h4 -2.13/19 Qe5 25.Qc1]
24...Nd7 25.h4 Qe5 Dodges hxg5
26.Qd2 f6 27.Kh2 Qc5 -1.51/19
[27...Qe6-+ -1.89/20 Threatens to win with ...Ne5. 28.Qc3 Qe5]
28.Rc1 -2.83/18
[28.Re3∓ -1.51/19]

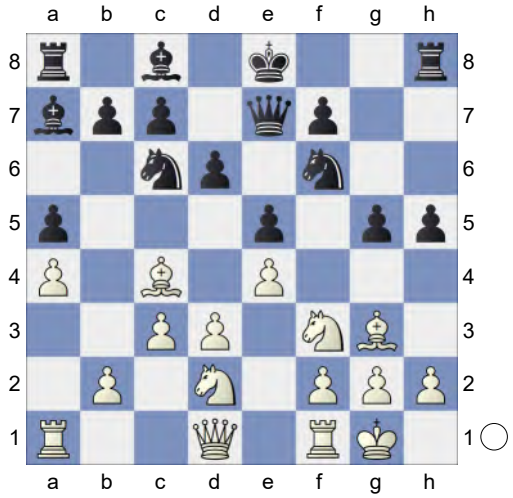
(Diagram)



28...Ne5! A dynamic duo of knights.
29.Bg2 Qa3 30.Qd1 -4.18/20
[30.Bxf4 -2.62/19 might work better. gxf4 31.Rc3 Qxa4 32.Rb1]
30...d5 31.exd5 Rxd5 32.Qc2 Red8 33.Rxe5 Rxe5 34.Ne3 Rxe3
[And not 34...Bxe3 35.Qxc7+ Ka7 36.Qxa5+ *(36.fxe3 Qd6+-; 36.Rc6 Rd6+-)* 36...Kb8 37.Qxd8+ Ka7 38.Rc8 Nxg2 39.Ra8#]
35.fxe3 Qxe3 (→ ...Rd2) **36.Re1 Qd4 37.hxg5** -8.97/18
[⌓37.Qe4 -4.55/17 Nxg2 38.Kxg2]
37...h4 38.Bxf4 Qxf4+ Black mates. **39.Kh1 h3** Decoy **40.Bxh3 Qg3** Black took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/ Black=0.25 (precise)
0-1

209 **C53**
□ **Wei Yi** **2755**
■ **Navara,D.** **2677**
7th Prague Masters 2025 (4.3) 01.03.25
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.Bg5N**
[6.Nbd2 Bb6 7.0-0 0-0 8.h3 h6 9.Re1 Re8 10.Bb3 Ne7 11.Nf1 Ng6 12.Ng3 c6 13.d4 Be6 14.Bc2 Bc7 15.a4 a5 16.b3 d5 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Bxg6 fxg6 19.dxe5 Rf8 20.Bd2 Qe8 1-0 Dominguez Perez,L (2741)-Liang,A (2687) Wch Blitz New York 2024 (7)]
6...h6 7.Bh4 a5 8.Nbd2 Ba7 9.a4 Qe7 The position is equal. **10.0-0 g5 11.Bg3 h5**



aiming for ...h5-h4. **12.h4!**
[Don't play 12.Nxg5 h4 13.Bxf7+ *(13.Nxf7 Rh7-+)* 13...Kf8 14.Bxh4 Rxh4-+]
12...g4 13.Ne1 0-0 14.Nc2 Kg7 15.Re1 Ng8 16.Nf1 f5 17.exf5 Nh6 18.Nfe3 Nxf5 19.Nxf5+ Bxf5 20.d4 Bxc2 1.51/20
[Black should try 20...Bg6± 0.68/17]
21.Qxc2± Qf6

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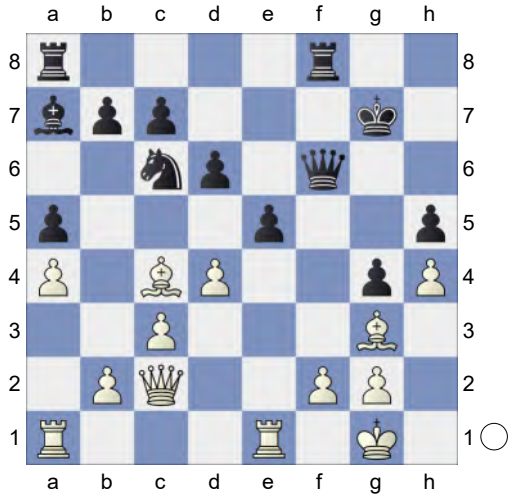


22.Re4! exd4? 5.10/21 A mistake that costs the game.

[22...Rae8± 1.56/18 is a better chance.]

23.Rae1+- Re4-e6 is the strong threat.

23...dxc3 24.bxc3 Qf5 25.Bd3 A strong pair of Bishops.

[Less strong is 25.Be6 Qg6±]

25...Qd5 26.Re6 Rf6 27.Rxf6 Kxf6 28.Qd2 Kg7 Repels Qd2-h6+ **29.c4 Qc5 30.Re6 Rh8** Dodges Qd2-h6+ **31.Qf4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.79

1-0

210 **C53**

□ **Rapport,Richard** **2754**

■ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2747**

Aimchess Rapid KO (2.21) 19.10.2022

[Mon Hokmome]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 0-0 6.Nbd2 a5 7.0-0 d6 8.h3 Be6** The position is equal. **9.Bb5 Ba7!** outshines the older 9...h6. erfolgreicher als das alte 9...h6. outshines the older 9...h6. erfolgreicher als das alte 9...h6. **10.Re1 Ne7 11.d4 Ng6 12.Nf1**

[12.Ba4 Nh5 13.Nf1 Nhf4 14.Ng3 c6 15.Bc2 Re8 16.Be3 b5 17.a4 b4 18.cxb4 axb4 19.Rc1 c5 20.d5 Bd7 21.Bb3 Rf8 22.Nf5 Ne7 23.Nxd6 Bxh3 24.Nxf7 Rxf7 25.d6 Neg6 26.Bxf7+ Kxf7 8... ♘bd7 (2698)-Moiseenko,A (2674) Gauthier/Tactics [John Watson] 1-0 (49)]

12...c6N

[12...exd4 13.cxd4 *(13.Nxd4 d5 14.e5 Ne4* Italian Mainlines-Giuoco Pianissimo,5*)* 13...d5 14.e5 Ne4 15.Ng3 Nh4 16.Nxh4 Qxh4 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.g3 Qxh3 19.Rxe4 Rad8 20.Be3 *(20.Rh4 Rxd4 21.Rxd4 Bd5 22.Rxd5 Qxg3+ 23.Kh1 Qh3+ 24.Kg1 Qg3+* Italian Mainlines-Giuoco Pianissimo,1*)* 20...Bd5 21.Bf1 Qe6 22.Rh4 f5 23.Bd3 h6 Italian Mainlines-Giuoco Pianissimo, 1]

13.Bd3 a4 14.Ng3 b5 15.Be3 Qc7 0.49/19

[15...h6= 0.18/19]

16.Qc2 0.06/20

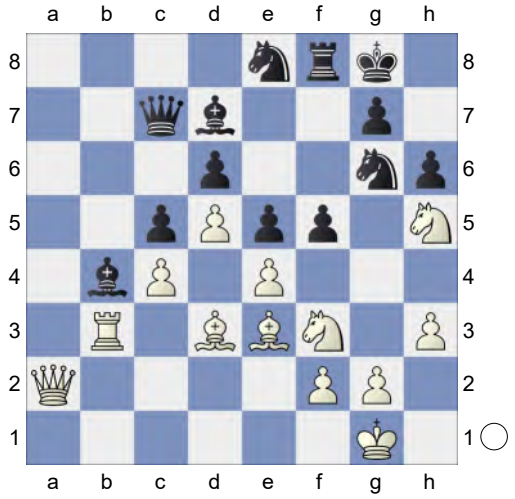
[16.Bg5± 0.49/19 deserves consideration.]

16...Rab8N

[Predecessor: 16...Bb6 17.b3 h6 18.Rac1 -0.28/19 *(⌓18.Rab1* 0.04/20 *)* 18...Qa7 0.36/21 *(18...axb3=* -0.28/19 *19.axb3 Ra3)* 19.b4 -0.01/19 *(19.bxa4!±* 0.36/21 *Qxa4 20.dxe5 Bxe3 21.exf6 Bxc1 22.Qxc1)* 19...a3 0.51/19 *(19...Rfe8=* -0.01/19 *)* 20.dxe5 -0.16/22 *(20.Nf5±* 0.51/19 *)* 20...dxe5 21.c4 Bxe3 22.Rxe3 Rfc8 0.60/19 ½-½ (72) Alekseenko,K (2702)-Carlsen,M (2856) Warsaw 2021 *(*Black should try *22...c5!∓* -0.34/22 *)*]

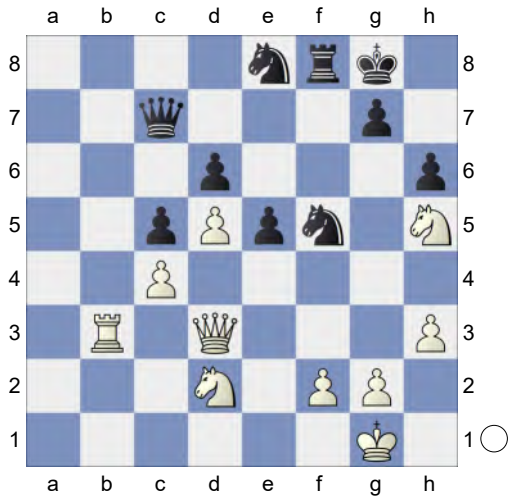
17.b4 -0.01/18

[17.b3± 0.33/19 should be considered.]
17...axb3 0.32/20
[17...h6= -0.01/18]
18.axb3± Threatens to win with Ra1xa7!
18...c5 0.81/19
[18...Bb6± 0.41/19]
19.d5 Bd7 20.c4 bxc4 21.bxc4 Bb6 22.Ra2 Ra8 23.Bg5 Rxa2 24.Qxa2 Ne8 25.Rb1 Ba5 26.Rb3 h6 27.Be3 Bb4 28.Nh5 f5 1.05/24
[28...Qd8± 0.64/22]



29.exf5!± Bxf5 30.Qb1 0.57/23
[30.Bxf5± 1.00/24 Rxf5 31.Qb1]
30...Ne7 0.97/25
[30...Bxd3± 0.57/23 was preferrable. 31.Qxd3 Ne7]
31.Bd2 Bxd3 32.Qxd3 Bxd2 33.Nxd2
[Don't play 33.Qxd2?! Nf5=]
33...Nf5

(Diagram)



34.Qb1? -0.51/24
[34.Ne4!± 1.09/24]
34...Qf7!∓ ...Nf5-h4 is the strong threat.
35.Rf3? -3.41/25 White does not recover from this. **35...Qxh5-+ 36.g4 Qg5 37.Rxf5** -5.81/27
[⌓37.Ne4 -3.80/24 Qg6 38.Nd2]
37...Qxd2 Black is clearly winning.
38.Rxf8+ Kxf8 39.Qf5+ Nf6? -2.03/28 Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.07 (flawless)
[39...Ke7 -5.81/27 40.Qe4 Nf6]
0-1

211 **C54**
□ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2753**
■ **Anand,Viswanathan** **2754**
Amsterdam Levitov Rapid (16) 26.09.23
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1!** outshines the older 7.Bb3. erfolgreicher als das alte 7.Lb3. **7...a5 8.h3 Ba7 9.Nbd2 Ne7 10.d4N**
[10.Nf1 c6 *(10...Ng6 11.Ng3 c6 12.d4 h6 13.Bd3 Re8 14.Bc2 Qc7 15.Be3 c5 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Nf5*

Be6 18.Qc1 c4 19.Bxh6 Nh5 20.Bxg7 Nxg7 21.Qh6 Bxf5 22.exf5 Nf8 23.f6 Nge6 24.Rxe5 Rad8 25.Rh5 1-0 Krause,B (2478)-Walter,A (2241) GER-ch blitz 2022 (12)*)* 11.Ng3 b5 12.Bb3 a4 13.Bc2 Ng6 14.d4 h6 15.Be3 Be6 16.Qd2 Re8 17.a3 Qe7 18.Rad1 Qf8 19.Qc1 Rad8 20.Qb1 Bb8 21.Qc1 d5 22.dxe5 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 dxe4 24.Nxe4 Rxd1 0-1 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Caruana,F (2766) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Feb Late blitz 2023 (10) 25.Rxd1 Rd8 26.Bc5 Rxd1+ 27.Qxd1 Qe8 28.Nd6 Qd7 29.Qd4 Bd5 30.Nh2 f6 31.f4 fxe5 32.fxe5 Qe6 33.Ng4 h5 34.Ne3 Nxe5 35.Ndf5 Kh7 36.Nxd5 Qxf5 37.Ne3 Qg6 38.Qd1 Nd3 39.Bd4 Nxb2 0-1 Yugoslav Qa5 (2572)-Deslandes, P (2766) (m/1) 78/295 2000 (10)]

10...Nc6N

[Vorgänger: 10...Ng6 11.Bb3 c6 12.Bc2 exd4 13.cxd4 d5 14.e5 Nh5 15.Nf1 Nhf4 16.Bxf4 Nxf4 0-1 Dominguez Perez,L (2754)-Firouzja,A (2778) Saint Louis Blitz 2022 (9)]

11.Nf1 -0.19/20

[11.Nb1 0.24/19]

11...exd4!= 12.cxd4

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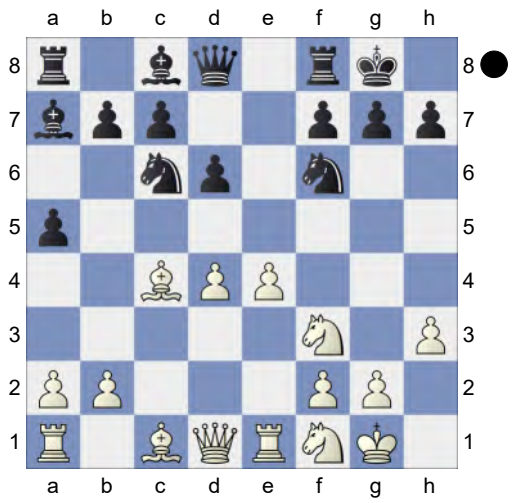


Nxe4! Decoy **13.Bd5**

[13.Rxe4!? d5□ 14.Bg5∓]

13...Nf6 14.Bxc6

[14.Bg5!?]

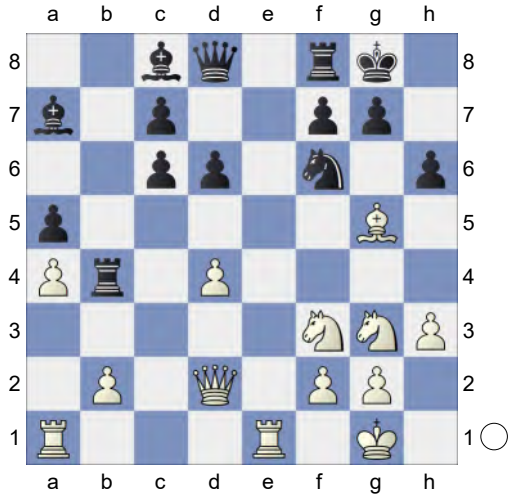
14...bxc6 15.Bg5 Rb8 16.Qd2 Rb5 -0.01/19

[16...h6∓ -0.41/22 deserves consideration. 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Qxa5 Bxd4 19.Nxd4 Qxd4 20.Qxc7 Rxb2 *(20...Qxb2 21.Qxd6 Rb5 22.Ng3=)*]

17.a4 Rb4 1.49/27

[17...Rf5!= -0.01/21]

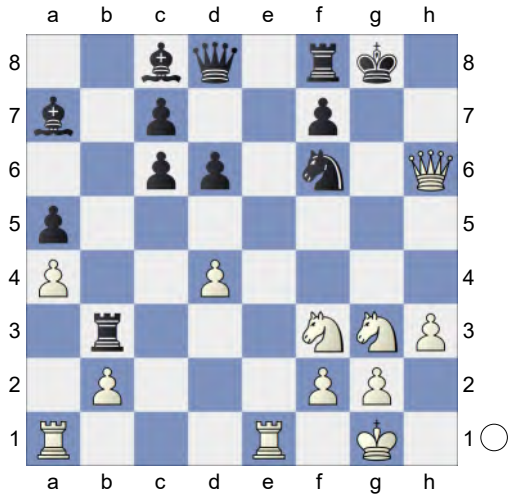
18.Ng3± h6



19.Bxh6 Demolition **19...gxh6 20.Qxh6** White wants to mate with Ng5. **20...Rb3** 3.04/26

[20...Rxb2 21.Ng5]

[⊿20...Nh7 1.91/25]



21.Re4? 0.55/23 **Nxe4±** **22.Nh5→** White attacks. Dancing on a razor blade.

[22.Nxe4? Rxf3 *(22...Rxb2? 23.Nf6++-)* 23.Ng5 Re8 *(23...Rxh3 24.gxh3 Bf5 25.Ra3∓)* 24.Qh7+ Kf8 25.Qh6+ Ke7 26.Nxf3 Be6 27.Qg5+ Kd7 28.Qxa5 Qa8-+]

22...Bxd4 **23.Nxd4** Excellent horsemanship. **23...Qg5** **24.Qxg5+ Nxg5** **25.Nxb3** **Be6?** 3.39/23

[25...f5!= 0.24/25 and Black is okay.]

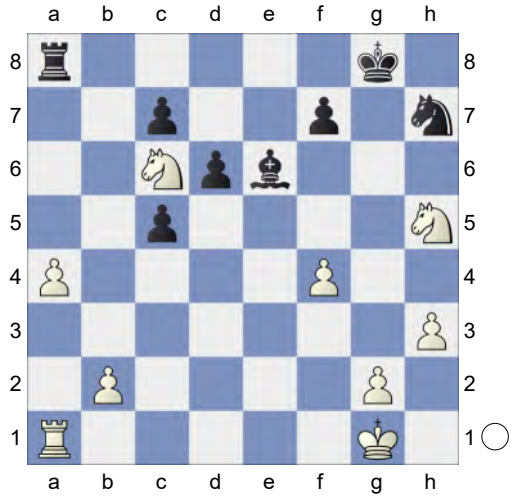
26.Nxa5+- **c5** **27.Nc6** **Ra8** **28.f4** 0.74/23

[28.h4!+- 2.12/24 and White stays clearly on top. Ne4 29.Nf4]

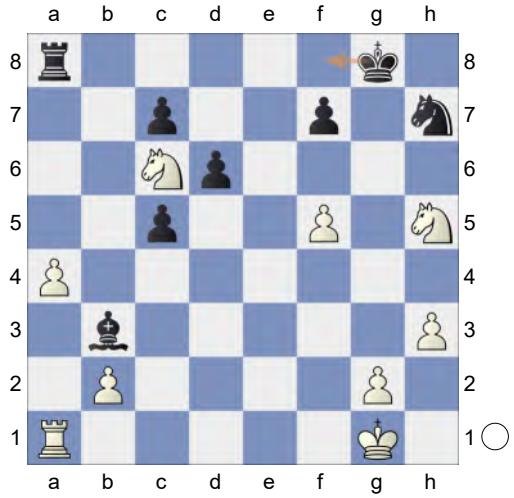
28...Nh7 1.43/24

[⊿28...Ne4 0.74/23]

(Diagram)



29.f5! 0.95/29 **Bb3±**



30.Ra3!

[30.a5 Kf8±]

30...Bxa4 **31.Ne7+** **Kf8** **32.Nd5** White is more active. **32...Bc6** **33.Rxa8+**

[Much weaker is 33.Nxc7?! Rxa3 34.bxa3 Ke7∓]

33...Bxa8 **34.Nxc7** Endgame KBN-KNN. White is a pawn up. **34...Bc6** 1.40/27

[⊿34...Be4 0.85/26]

35.f6 0.21/28

[Better is 35.Nf4± 1.40/27]

35...Ng5 **36.h4** **Ne4** **37.g4** **d5** **38.g5** **d4** **39.Nf4** **c4** **40.Nce6+** **fxe6** **41.Nxe6+** **Kg8** **42.Nxd4** **Bd7** **43.Kg2** **Bg4** **44.Nc6** **Bh5** **45.Ne5** **c3** **46.bxc3**

Nxc3 47.Kg3 Ne2+ 48.Kf2 Nf4 49.Nc4 Kf7 50.Kg3 Ne2+ 51.Kf2 Nf4 52.Nd6+ Ke6 53.Ne4 Kf5 54.Ng3+ Kg4 55.Nxh5 Kxh5= KN-K3P **56.Ke3 Ng6 57.Ke4 Kxh4 58.Kf5 Kh5 59.f7** White has compensation. **59...Nf8 60.Kf6 Ng6 61.Kf5** Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) / Black=0.23 (precise) **61...Nf8**
½-½

212 **C50**
□ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2753**
■ **Martirosyan,Haik M** **2675**
Satty Zhuldyz Rapid 2023 (10.5) 22.04.23
[Mon Hokmome]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4** Kitty Kat Kitty Kat **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 h6** 6...a5 is the modern continuation. 6...a5 ist die moderne Fortsetzung.

[RR 6...0-0 7.Re1 a6 8.h3 h6 9.a4 Ba7 10.Nbd2

A) RR 10...Re8 11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.Ng3 d5 14.Qe2 a5 15.Nh4 Ne7 16.Nhf5 dxe4 17.dxe4 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 Qd7 19.Qf3 Rd8 20.Bxh6 Nxe4 21.Rxe4 gxh6 22.Qg4+ Rg6 23.Nxh6+ Kf8 24.Qxd7 Rxd7 25.Nf5;

B) RR 10...Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Ne7 13.Nf1 Ng6 14.N1h2 Rf7 15.g3 d5 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Qd6 18.Qb3 a5 19.bxa5 Nd7 20.d4 Raf8 21.Rd1 dxe4 22.Nxe5 Ndxe5 23.dxe5 Qc6 24.Qb5 Qxb5 25.axb5;

C) RR 10...Ne7 11.Bb3 *(RR 11.d4 Ng6 12.Bf1 c6 13.Qc2 Qc7 14.a5 Re8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Rad8 19.Ree1 Rd7 20.Ne3 Rdd8 21.Rab1 Nf4 22.b4 Bc8 23.Rb2 Ne6 24.Nd2 Ng5 25.h4 Ne6)* 11...Ng6 12.d4 Re8 13.Bc2 c6 14.Nf1 Qc7 15.Ng3 Be6 16.Be3 Rad8 17.Qc1 Bb8 18.a5 Rd7 19.Ra4 d5 20.dxe5 Nxe4 21.Bb6 Qc8 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.Raxe4 Bf5 24.R4e3 Bxc2 25.Qxc2;

D) 10...Qe7 11.b4 Be6 12.Rb1 Qd7 13.b5 Ne7 14.d4 Bxc4 15.Nxc4 exd4 16.cxd4 axb5 17.Rxb5 c6 18.Rb3 *(RR 18.Rb1)* 18...d5 19.Nfe5 Qd8 *(RR 19...Qc7 20.exd5 cxd5)* 20.exd5 cxd5 21.Ne3 Dominguez Perez,L (2741)-So,W (2751) Saint Louis USA 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (43)]

7.Re1 0-0 8.Nbd2 a5 9.Nf1N a4 The position is equal.

[9...Be6 10.Bb5 Ne7 11.d4 exd4 12.cxd4 Bb6 13.Ng3 d5 14.e5 Ne4 15.Bd3 Nxg3 16.hxg3 Bg4 17.Bc2 c5 18.Be3 cxd4 19.Bxd4 Rc8 20.Rc1 Rc4 21.Bxb6 Qxb6 22.b3 Rc7 23.Bb1 Rfc8 24.Rxc7 Carlsen,M (2868)-Svidler,P (2769) Sandnes 117/(57) 2013 CI1-130 [Arsovic,Zoran] (44)]

10.h3 Ra5

[10...Bd7 11.d4

A) 11...Bb6 12.Ng3 Re8 13.Bf1 Ba5 14.dxe5 *(RR 14.Qxa4 Bxc3)* 14...Nxe5 15.Be3 b5 16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.Qf3 Rb8 18.Rad1 Qe7 19.a3 Be6 20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.Qxf5 c6 *(RR 21...g6 22.Qf3 Kg7)* 22.Rd3 g6 23.Qf3 Kg7 Dominguez Perez,L (2741)-Oparin, G (2662) Saint Louis USA 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (65);

B) 11...Ba7 12.Ng3 Re8 13.Bf1 Bb6 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Qc2 Qe7 16.Bd2 Be6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Qc5 19.Ne1 g6 20.Nd3 Qe7 21.Ree1 h5 22.Qc1 Nd7 23.Be2 Red8 24.Rd1 Nf6 25.Qe3 Lunn,T (2530)-7. ♗c4 ♗f5 8.00 e6 9. ♖e1 (2525) Germany GER 2023 CT-2879 [John Watson] ½-½ (42)]

11.a3N

[11.Bd2 b5 12.Bd5 *(12.b4 axb3 13.Bxb3 Ra8 14.a4 b4 15.cxb4 Nxb4 16.Bc4 Be6 17.Qb3 Qd7 18.Reb1 Nc6 19.a5 Ra7 20.Ne3 Rb8 21.Bxe6 Rxb3 22.Bxd7 Rxb1+ 23.Rxb1 Nxd7 24.Nc4 Kf8* Slawisches Gambit-Wrigley,A 27: NBC Millennium email 2020 CBM 171 Extra [Olsson; Korrschack 3/2001]*)* 12...Ne7 13.d4 exd4 14.b4 axb3 15.cxd4 b2 16.Bxa5 bxa1Q 17.Qxa1 Nfxd5 18.dxc5 Nf4 19.Rd1 d5 20.Ne3 Bb7 21.Qe5 Neg6 22.Qxc7 Qxc7 23.Bxc7 Ne2+ 24.Kf1 dxe4 25.Ne5 Nc3 Delabre,T-Gonnermann, J St Petersburg (Russia) 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] (46)]

11...Be6 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.d4 exd4N

[Vorgänger: 13...Bb6 14.Ng3 Qe8 15.Nd2 -0.63/21 *(*Better is *15.Be3=* -0.01/21 *)* 15...d5∓ 16.exd5 exd5 -0.24/23 *(16...Rxd5∓* -0.77/21 *17.Nc4 exd4 18.Nxb6 cxb6 19.Qxa4 Nh5)* 17.Nf3= e4 18.Nh4 Qd7 -0.12/20 *(18...Ne7∓* -0.47/19 *)* 19.f3 exf3 20.Nxf3 ½-½ (84) Wang,H (2756)-Navara,D (2707) Jerusalem 2019]

14.cxd4 Bb6 15.Bd2 Ra8 16.Bc3 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ng3 Qd7

[18...Ne8 is more complex. 19.Ne5 Qg5 20.Bd2 Qf6]

19.Qc2 Rae8 0.50/22

[19...Nh7= 0.18/22]

20.Rad1± Ne4 1.02/23

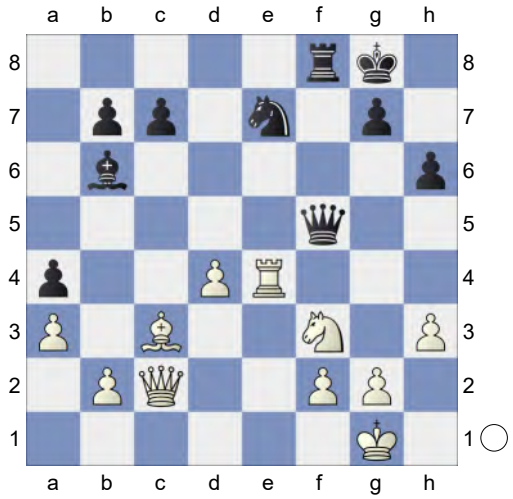
[20...Rxe1+± 0.42/22 21.Rxe1 Nh7]

21.Nxe4± dxe4 22.Rxe4 Qf5 1.73/24

[22...Rxe4± 1.24/22 23.Qxe4 Qf5]

23.Rde1+- Rxe4 24.Rxe4 Ne7? 4.10/24

[24...Qb5± 1.60/23 is a better defense. 25.Qd2 Qf5]



25.Bb4 Rf7 26.Ne5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.27 (precise)

[Not 26.Bxe7 Rxe7 27.Ne5 c6 28.Qc4+ Kh7±]

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213 **C54**

□ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2753**

■ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2732**

Moscow CC Levitov Blitz m (7) 16.02.24

[Mon Hokmome]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4** Kitty Kat **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 a6 7.Re1 Ba7 8.a4!** is recently more successful than 8.Bb3. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 8.Lb3.

8...h6 9.b4 White has an edge. **9...0-0 10.Nbd2 Ne7 11.h3 Be6**

[11...Ng6 12.Nf1 Qe7 13.Be3 Nh5 14.Bxa7 Rxa7 15.d4 Nhf4 16.Ne3 c6 17.Kh2 Nh4 18.Ng1 Nhg6 19.g3 Ne6 20.Nf5 Qf6 21.Qd2 Nc7 22.Bd3 Ra8 23.Rad1 Rd8 24.Nf3 Ne7 25.Nxe7+ Qxe7 26.Bc2 Ranniku (2320)-9. ♖b1 / 9. ♘h3 (with g3)_6 (1998) USSR (ch) 2022 ICCF Telechess CBM 104 [John Watson] 1-0]

12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Qb3N Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.

[13.Nf1 Ng6 14.Ra2 Qe8 *(14...Nh5 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Rxe3 Nhf4 17.d4* 13) Italian 4...Bc5 5.c3 - An-Italian 4...Bc5 - Ancient Be6*)* 15.g3 *(15.N1h2 a5 16.b5 Bc5 17.Bd2* 13) Italian 4...Bc5 5.c3 - An-Italian 4...Bc5 - Ancient Be6*)* 15...Qc6 16.Qb3 Nxe4 17.Rxe4 Rxf3 18.Qxe6+ Kh7 19.Rc4 Rxf2 20.Rxc6 Rf6+ 21.Be3 Rxe6 22.Rxc7 13) Italian 4...Bc5 5.c3 - An-Italian 4...Bc5 - Ancient Be6]

[RR 13.Nf1 Ng6 14.N1h2 Rf7

A) RR 15.Ra2 d5 *(RR 15...Qd7)* 16.Qb3 c5 *(RR 16...Qe7)* 17.bxc5 Bxc5 18.d4 *(RR 18.exd5 Nxd5 19.Rc2)* 18...Ba7 *(RR 18...dxe4 19.dxc5 exf3)* 19.exd5 Nxd5 20.Nxe5 *(RR 20.c4 Nf6 21.dxe5)* 20...Nxe5 21.Rxe5 Nxc3;

B) 15.g3 d5 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Qd6 18.Qb3 a5 19.bxa5 Nd7 20.d4 *(RR 20.Qxb7 Rb8 21.Qa7 c5; RR 20.Rae1)* 20...Raf8 *(RR 20...dxe4 21.Rxe4 Qc6)* 21.Rd1 *(RR 21.Qxb7 Rb8 22.Qa7 c5; RR 21.Rae1)* 21...dxe4

B1) RR 22.Rxe4 Rxf3 23.Nxf3 Rxf3 24.dxe5 *(RR 24.Qxb7 Nc5)*;

B2) 22.Nxe5 Ndxe5 *(RR 22...Ngxe5 23.dxe5 Qxe5)* 23.dxe5 Qc6 24.Qb5 Qxb5 25.axb5 Rxf2 26.Rxe4 Ra2 27.b6 cxb6 Saric,I (2659)-Keymer,V (2721) Budva 2023 Mega2024 Update 03 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (67)]

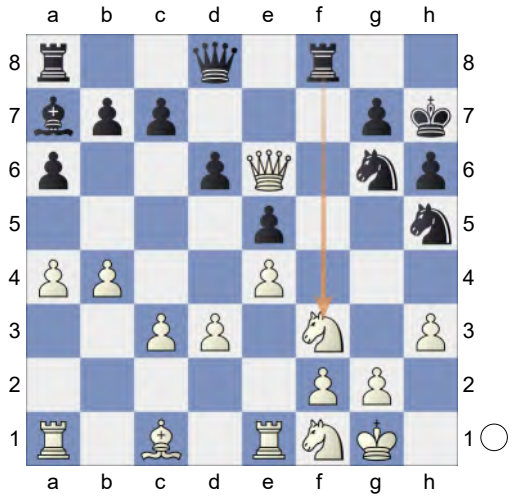
13...Nh5 0.59/22

[13...Qd7= 0.17/20 deserves consideration.]

14.Qxe6+± Kh7 15.Nf1 0.26/23

[15.Nb3± 0.58/22]

15...Ng6=

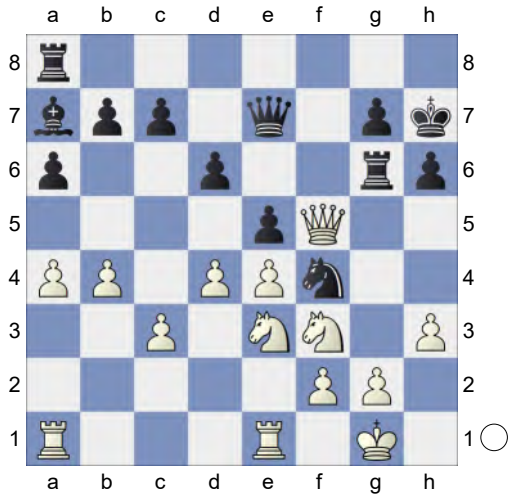


...Rf8xf3! is the strong threat. **16.d4 Ngf4N**

[Vorgänger: 16...a5 17.b5 Ngf4 18.Bxf4 Nxf4 19.Qg4 Rf6 Hoping for ...Rf6-g6. 20.Ne3 Rg6! 21.Qh4 Qg8 0.35/21 *(21...exd4=* 0.01/22 *22.cxd4 Qxh4 23.Nxh4 Re6)* 22.Kh1 0.01/22 *(22.Ng4!±* 0.35/21 *)* 22...Rf8 ½-½ Marbourg,D (2477)-Kolarik,J (2415) WLS/SRCCC/ 21/D1 2021 [1]]

17.Bxf4 Nxf4 18.Qg4 Rf6! Strongly threatening ...Rf6-g6. **19.Ne3 Rg6 20.Qf5 Qe7?** 2.05/24

[20...Qg8!= -0.01/23 21.h4 *(21.dxe5? Rf8-+)* 21...Rf8]



This move loses the game for Black.

21.Nd5+-

[Don't go for 21.dxe5? Rf8 22.exd6 cxd6-+]

21...Nxd5 22.exd5 Rf8 23.Qe4 Qf6 24.Nh4

[Not 24.dxe5 dxe5 25.Ra2 Kg8+-]

24...Qxf2+ 5.44/27

[⌓24...Rf7 3.43/23 25.Kh1 exd4 26.cxd4 *(26.Qxg6+ Qxg6 27.Nxg6 Kxg6+-)* 26...Qg5]

25.Kh1 Rff6 26.Rf1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.31

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214 **C54**

□ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2753**

■ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2732**

Moscow CC Levitov Blitz m (9) 16.02.24

[Mon Hokmome]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4** Mauro The Recreationist Nov 1873 pp138-9 Mikhalevski,V List,Paul M ChessBase II

1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.h3

[RR 6.a4 h6 *(RR 6...a5 7.c3 d5;* RR *6...d6;* RR *6...a5 7.c3 d5;* RR *6...d6)* 7.c3 a5 *(RR 7...a6 8.Re1 d6;* RR *7...d6 8.b4 Bb6 9.a5;* RR *7...a6 8.Re1 d6;* RR *7...d6 8.b4 Bb6 9.a5)* 8.h3 d6 9.Re1 Ba7 *(RR 9...Bb6 10.Nbd2 Ne7 11.Nf1 Ng6 12.Ng3 c6 13.Bb3 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Qc2 Re8;* RR *9...Re8;* RR *9...Be6 10.Na3 Bxa3 11.Bxe6 Bxb2 12.Bxf7+ Rxf7 13.Bxb2 Qd7;* RR *9...Ne7 10.d4;* RR *9...Bb6 10.Nbd2 Ne7 11.Nf1 Ng6 12.Ng3 c6 13.Bb3 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Qc2 Re8;* RR *9...Re8;* RR *9...Be6 10.Na3 Bxa3 11.Bxe6 Bxb2 12.Bxf7+ Rxf7 13.Bxb2 Qd7;* RR *9...Ne7 10.d4)* 10.Nbd2 Ne7 *(RR 10...Be6 11.Qb3 Qd7 12.Nf1 Ne7 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Be3 Ng6 15.Bxa7 Rxa7 16.d4 Nh5 17.Re3;* RR *10...Be6 11.Qb3 Qd7 12.Nf1 Ne7 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Be3 Ng6 15.Bxa7 Rxa7 16.d4 Nh5 17.Re3)* 11.Nf1 Ng6 12.Ng3 c6 13.d4 *(RR 13.Ba2 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.d4 exd4 16.Nxd4;* RR *13.Ba2 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.d4 exd4 16.Nxd4)* 13...exd4 14.Nxd4 Re8 *(RR 14...d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Nb5 cxb5 17.Bxd5;* RR *14...d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Nb5 cxb5 17.Bxd5)*

A) RR 15.Be3 Nxe4 16.Nxe4

A1) RR 16...Rxe4 17.Bxf7+ Kxf7 *(RR 17...Kh7 18.Bxg6+ Kxg6 19.Qc2 d5 20.f3;* RR *17...Kh7 18.Bxg6+ Kxg6 19.Qc2 d5 20.f3)* 18.Qf3+;

A2) RR 16...Rxe4 17.Bxf7+ Kxf7 18.Qf3+;

A3) 16...d5 17.Nb5 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Re5 *(RR 18...dxc4*

19.Nf6+ gxf6 20.Rxe8+ Qxe8 21.Nc7 Qe4 22.Nxa8 Nf4 23.Qf1 Nd3; RR *18...dxc4 19.Nf6+ gxf6 20.Rxe8+ Qxe8 21.Nc7 Qe4 22.Nxa8 Nf4 23.Qf1 Nd3)* 19.Ba2 cxb5 20.Nc5 Rxe3 21.fxe3 Qg5;

B) RR 15.Be3 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 d5 17.Nb5 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Re5 19.Ba2 cxb5 20.Nc5 Rxe3 21.fxe3 Qg5;

C) 15.Bd2 d5 16.exd5 Rxe1+ 17.Bxe1 Nxd5 18.Nb5 Bb6 *(* RR *18...Bc5;* RR *18...Bc5)* 19.Bxd5 Qxd5 *(*RR *19...cxd5;* RR *19...cxd5)* 20.Qxd5 cxd5 10. ♗a3 b6 11.ba5 ♘h5_1525 (2783)-Kuvaldin,V (2811) USSR 18/274 2017 200 Traps In The Opening [List,Paul M] ½-½ (48) Karjakin,S (2783)-Kramnik,V (2811) Shamkir AZE 2017 [Mikhalevski,V] ½-½ (48)]

6...d6

[RR 6...d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Re1 Be6 9.c3 a6 10.Nbd2 f6 11.d4 Ba7 12.dxe5 *(*RR *12.Bb3 Qe8 13.dxe5 fxe5 14.Ne4 Rd8 15.Neg5 Kh8 16.Nxe6 Qxe6)* 12...Nxe5 13.Nxe5 fxe5 14.Ne4 Kh8 15.Bg5 Qd7 16.Bh4 Qc6 17.Bd3 Bf5 18.Kh2 Nf4 19.Bc2 Nxh3 20.Qd2 Nf4 21.Bg5 Aryan,C (2637)-Can,I (2499) Saint Louis 2024 0-1]

7.c3N

[RR 7.a3 Be6 *(7...Bd7 8.b4 Bb6 9.Bb2 h6 10.Nc3 Nd4 11.Nd5 Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3 Nxd5 13.Bxd5 Rb8 14.a4 a6 15.a5 Ba7 16.c3 Qe7 17.d4 Be6 18.dxe5 dxe5 19.Rad1 Bxd5 20.Rxd5 c6 21.Rd3 Rbd8* Radojicic,A (1710)-Mondry,M (1850) Montilla 1990 ZUS C73 [The Recreationist Nov 1873 pp138-9] 0-1 Piccinini,I (1710)-Mauro,L (1850) corr 1990 UltraCorr3a [Mauro] 0-1*)* 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 Qe7 10.Nc3 Nd4 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.Bxd5 c6 13.Ba2 Ne6 14.c3 Bb6 15.d4 Nf4 16.Kh2 Ng6 17.dxe5 dxe5 18.Qe2 Rfd8 19.Rad1 Nxh4 20.Nxh4 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Rd8 Koronkiewicz,A (1800)-Soliwoda,A (1800) Augustow 2004 EXT 2008 [ChessBase II] ½-½ (61)]

[RR 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Be6 9.Bxe6 *(*RR *9.Bb3 Kh7 10.Nc3 Ne7 11.d4 exd4 12.Nxd4 Bxb3 13.axb3 g5 14.Bg3 Bxd4 15.Qxd4 Ng6 16.Rxa7 Rxa7 17.Qxa7 Nh5 18.Qxb7 f5 19.exf5 Rxf5 20.Rd1 Nxg3 21.fxg3 Rf7 22.Nd5 Ne5 23.Qb4 Qa8;* RR *9.Bb3 Kh7 10.Nc3 Ne7 11.d4 exd4 12.Nxd4 Bxb3 13.axb3 g5 14.Bg3 Bxd4 15.Qxd4 Ng6 16.Rxa7 Rxa7 17.Qxa7 Nh5 18.Qxb7 f5 19.exf5 Rxf5 20.Rd1 Nxg3 21.fxg3 Rf7 22.Nd5 Ne5 23.Qb4 Qa8)* 9...fxe6 10.Nc3 Qe8 11.Bxf6 Rxf6 12.Nh4 Qf7 13.Qd2 Rf8 14.Nd1 Qh5 15.Nf3 Rxf3 16.gxf3 Qxh3 17.c3 Rxf3 18.d4 Qg4+]

[RR 7.Nc3 a6 *(*RR *7...Ne7 8.Ne2 Ng6 9.c3 Bb6 10.Ng3 d5 11.Bb3 Be6 12.Re1 Re8 13.Qc2 h6 14.Bd2 Qd7 15.exd5 Bxh3 16.d4 e4 17.Nxe4 Bxg2 18.Nxf6+ gxf6 19.Nh2 Bxd5 20.c4 Qh3 21.f3 Bxd4+;* RR *7...Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.Bg5 Ne7 10.Ne2 c6 11.d4 exd4 12.Nexd4 Qd7 13.Re1 e5 14.Nb3 b6 15.Nxc5 bxc5 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.c4 f5 18.Nxe5 Qe6 19.exf5 Nxf5 20.Qg4+ Kh8 21.Nf3 Qd7 22.Nh4;* RR *7...Ne7 8.Ne2 Ng6 9.c3 Bb6 10.Ng3 d5 11.Bb3 Be6 12.Re1 Re8 13.Qc2 h6 14.Bd2 Qd7 15.exd5*

Bxh3 16.d4 e4 17.Nxe4 Bxg2 18.Nxf6+ gxf6 19.Nh2 Bxd5 20.c4 Qh3 21.f3 Bxd4+; RR *7...Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.Bg5 Ne7 10.Ne2 c6 11.d4 exd4 12.Nexd4 Qd7 13.Re1 e5 14.Nb3 b6 15.Nxc5 bxc5 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.c4 f5 18.Nxe5 Qe6 19.exf5 Nxf5 20.Qg4+ Kh8 21.Nf3 Qd7 22.Nh4)* 8.a4 Be6 9.Bg5 Bxc4 10.dxc4 Qd7 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Nd5 Kg7 13.Nh4 Nd4 14.c3 Ne6 15.Nf5+ Kh8 16.Nxf6 Qd8 17.Ng4 Ng5 18.Qd2 Rg8 19.Rae1 Qd7 20.h4 Nf3+ 21.gxf3 h5]

7...Bb6 7...a5 is the modern continuation. 7...a5 ist die moderne Fortsetzung.

[RR 7...h6 8.b4 Bb6 9.a4 a5 10.b5 Ne7 11.Be3 c6 12.Nbd2 d5 13.Bxb6 Qxb6 14.Ba2 Ng6 15.Re1 Re8 16.Rb1 Qc7 17.Qc2 Nf4 18.bxc6 bxc6 19.d4 Bxh3 20.gxh3 Qd7 21.Re3 Qxh3 22.Ne1]

8.a4 a5 9.Re1 Ne7 10.d4 The position is equal.

[10.Nbd2 Ng6 11.Nf1 c6 12.Ba2 h6 13.Ng3 Re8 14.d4 Be6 15.Bxe6 Rxe6 16.Qb3 Qc7 17.Be3 exd4 18.Nxd4 Ree8 19.Ndf5 Bxe3 20.Rxe3 d5 21.exd5 Nxd5 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.Rd1 Ndf4 24.Qc4 Rd8 9.♗b5_69121 (2029)-Giazzi (2072) Jugoslavija (ch) 60/3 2023 Inf 94 [John Watson] 0-1 (47)]

10...Ng6 11.Nbd2N

[11.Bd3 Re8 12.Nbd2 c6 13.Nf1 d5 14.Bg5 Lesson 16: Italian with c3 an- Italian 6. O-O O-O 7. Re1 Bb6]

11...exd4 12.cxd4 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Ne4 c6 15.Qb3

[15.Bg5!? f6 16.Bd2±]

15...Bc7 0.56/21

[15...h6= 0.14/22 should be considered.]

16.Bg5± f6 17.Bd2 Kh8 18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Nc3 Ra6N 1.10/24

[Vorgänger: ⌂19...Ne7 0.73/24 20.Rac1 Bd6! 21.Kh1 Bb4 22.Nb5 Bxd2 23.Nxd2 Bd7 24.Nc3 0.03/22 *(24.Rc7± 0.61/21)* 24...Bc6= 25.Nf3 Ng6 ½-½ Drygalov,S (2404)-Borisenko,V (2313) Cheliabinsk Panchenko Memorial IM 2017 (3)]

[⌂19...Ne7 0.73/24]

20.Qxd5 Rd6 21.Qh5 0.57/23 0x0.001aefa1b165dp-1022s more active pieces.

[21.Qb3± 1.14/21]

21...b6 22.d5 Bb7 23.Nd4 -0.21/22

[23.Be3± 0.42/22]

23...Bxd5= 24.Ndb5 Bc6 This bishop pair is nice. **25.Be3 Rd7 26.Rad1 Be5** Inhibits Nb5-d4. **27.Rxd7** -0.34/23

[27.Qe2!= 0.01/21]

27...Qxd7∓ 28.Rd1 Qb7 29.Nd6 -1.02/22

[29.f3∓ -0.61/24]

29...Bxd6∓ 30.Rxd6 Bxg2 31.Rxb6 Qa8 32.Qg4 Bf3 33.Qg3 Rd8 34.Kh2= -0.01/24 is superior. **34...Ne5** ...Bf3-c6 is the strong threat. **35.Bf4 Ng6** -0.01/24

[35...Nc4∓ -0.76/22 36.Re6 Nxb2]

36.Bc7 -0.32/24

[36.Be3= -0.01/24 is superior.]

36...Re8∓ 37.Rb8 -0.85/26

[37.Nb5= -0.23/24]

37...Rxb8∓ 38.Bxb8

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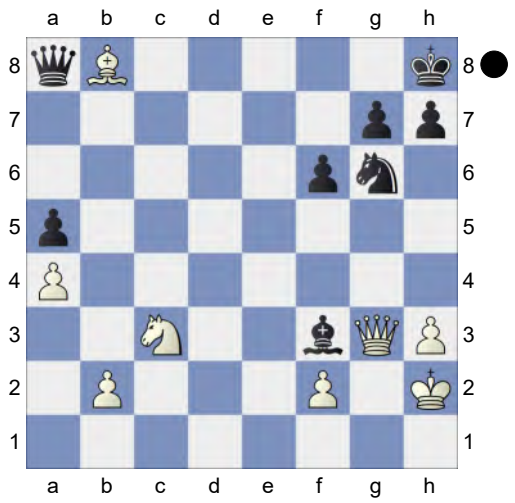
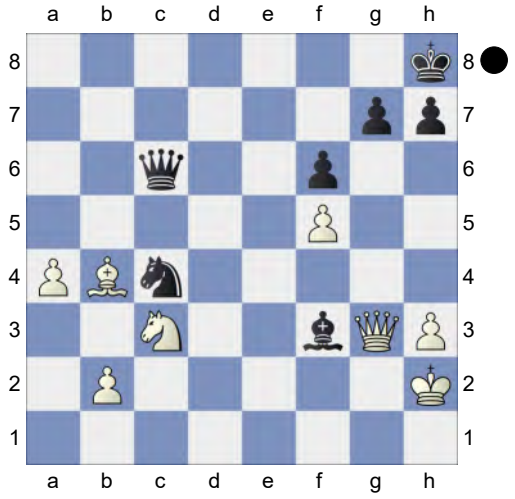
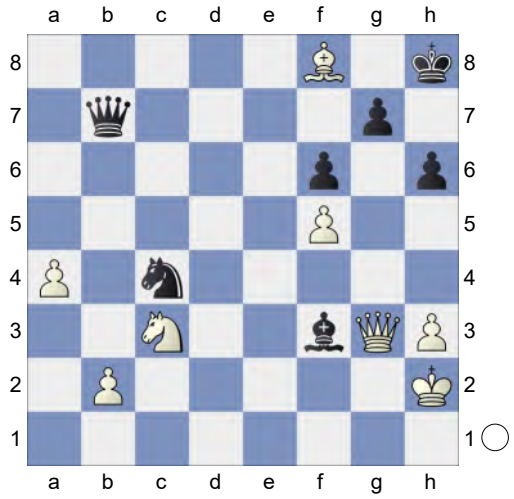


Bh1 -0.01/24
[Black should try 38...h5!∓ -0.85/23 39.Qxg6 Qxb8+ 40.Qg3 Qb7]
39.Bc7= Qc6 40.Bxa5 White wants to mate with Qg3-b8+. **40...Ne5! 41.f4 Nc4 42.Bb4→** Black should prevent Bb4-f8. White mounts an attack. **42...Bf3** 1.37/22
[42...Nd2= 0.01/23 remains equal. 43.Qf2 Qd7]
43.f5? -0.94/24
[43.Qf2± 1.37/22 keeps the pressure on.]



43...h6? 2.45/22
[43...Ne5!∓ -0.94/24 and life is bright. White must now prevent ...Qc6-b6. 44.Bf8 Qd7 45.Bxg7+ Qxg7 46.Qxg7+ Kxg7]
44.Bf8+- Qb7



45.Bxg7+! Qxg7 46.Qxf3 Nxb2? 5.29/24
[46...Ne5 2.05/22 is more resistant. 47.Qf4 Qc7 48.Qxh6+ Kg8]
47.Nd5? 1.16/25
[47.Qa8++- 5.29/24 and White stays clearly on top. Qg8 48.Qxg8+ Kxg8 49.a5]
47...Nxa4± 48.Qa3 0.01/25
[48.Qe3± 1.10/24 Threatens to win with Qe3-d4. Qf8 49.Nf4]
48...Qf7 1.33/25 **49.Qd6**
[Much worse is 49.Qxa4?! Qxd5 50.Qe8+ Qg8 51.Qxg8+ Kxg8=]
49...Nb2? 4.90/27
[49...Kg7± 1.33/24 is tougher. 50.Nf4 Kh7]
50.Nxf6+- Nc4 51.Qd8+ Kg7 52.Ng4 Qxf5? 6.93/25
[52...h5 2.76/24 53.Qd4+ Kf8]
53.Qd4+ Kg6 54.Qxc4 Qc4-g8+ would kill now. **54...h5 55.Qc6+** 12.99/33
[⌓55.Qg8# #1/6]
55...Kg5 56.Qc1+ Kg6 57.Ne3 Qf4+ 58.Kg2 Qe4+ 59.Kg1 Qe5 60.Qc2+ Kg5 61.Qg2+? 0.49/22
[Better is 61.Qf2+- 5.34/23]

61...Kf4? 5.71/20
[61...Kh4± 0.49/22]
62.Qh2+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/Black=0.67
1-0

215 **C53**
□ **Wei Yi** **2753**
■ **Piorun,K.** **2557**
FIDE World Cup 2025 (2.1) 04.11.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C53: Giuoco Piano sidelines **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 d6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb6**
[6...Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Bg4 *(7...h6 8.Qb3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qe7 10.0-0 Nf6 11.e5 dxe5 12.Ba3 Qd7 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Ne4 15.Rad1 Qf5 16.Bxf7+ Qxf7 17.Rd8+* 1-0 Bugryshov-Mahler, B C) 6.Qb3 2006*)* 8.0-0 Nf6 9.d5 Bxf3 10.gxf3 Bxc3 11.dxc6 Ba5 12.cxb7 Rb8 13.Qa4+ c6 14.Qxc6+ Ke7 15.e5 dxe5 16.Qc5+ Qd6 17.Qxa5 Rxb7 18.b3 1-0 Kramnik,V (2790)-Salov,V (2680) Hoogovens Blitz 1998 (6)]
7.Nc3 Nf6 8.Be3 Nxe4N 1.02/20
[8...Bg4 9.Bb3 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.Qd3 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Nh5 13.Ne2 Qf6 14.Kg2 Qg6+ 15.Kh1 Qf6 16.f4 Rad8 17.Rg1 Qe7 18.Rg5 Nf6 19.Rag1 g6 20.e5 dxe5 21.fxe5 Nxe5 22.Qf5 Neg4 23.R1xg4 1-0 Euwe,M-Muffang,A Match/Nation NED-FRA 6,5-3,5 1924]
9.Nxe4±

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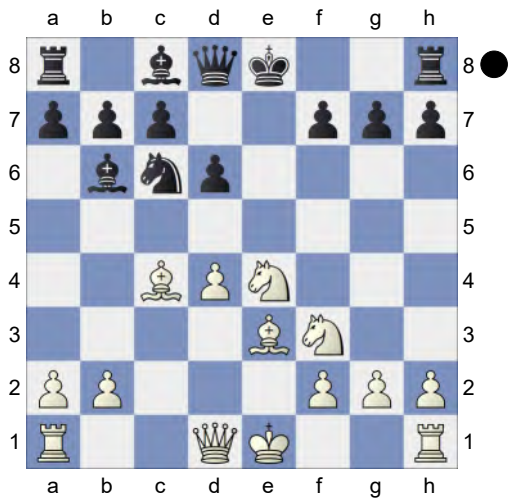
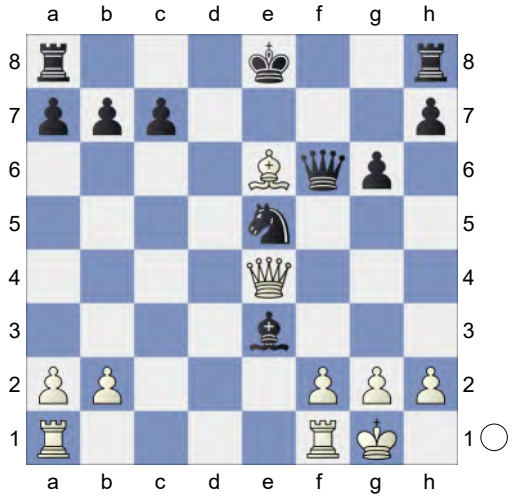


Hoping for Nfg5. **9...d5 10.Bb3** White is better.
[10.Bg5?! Qd7=]
10...dxe4 11.Ng5 Be6
[11...Nxd4? 12.Nxf7 *(12.Bxf7+ Kf8±)* 12...Qf6 13.Nxh8+-]
12.Nxe6 0.44/20
[12.Nxe4 Bxb3 *(12...Nxd4 13.Bxe6 Nxe6 14.Qa4+ Qd7 15.Qxd7+ Kxd7 16.0-0-0+ Ke7 17.Rde1∓)* 13.Qxb3 Qe7∓ *(13...Nxd4 14.Qa4+ Nc6 15.Rd1∓; 13...Bxd4 14.Qxb7 0-0 15.Qxc6±)*]
[12.Bxe6± 1.03/21 fxe6 13.Qg4 *(13.Nxe4 Qd5∓)*]
12...fxe6± 13.0-0 -0.01/21
[13.Qg4± 0.42/22]
13...Bxd4 0.62/22
[Better is 13...Qf6= -0.01/21]
14.Qh5+ g6 15.Qg4 -0.01/21
[White should try 15.Qb5± 0.93/21 Bb6 16.Bxe6]
Loses the game. **15...Qf6?** 2.89/24
[15...Bxe3= -0.01/21 16.fxe3 Qe7]
16.Bxe6+- This pair of bishops is nice.
[Weaker is 16.Qxe4 0-0-0∓]
16...Ne5 4.93/23 Prevents Bd7+.
[16...h5 2.48/20 was called for. 17.Qxe4 Be5]
17.Qxe4 White is clearly winning.

17...Bxe3 6.65/24
[⮌17...Bxb2 4.74/22 18.Rab1 *(18.Qxb7 Rd8+-)* 18...Qxe6]



18.Bf7+! Kxf7 19.fxe3 Rhe8 20.Qxb7 Qxf1+ 21.Rxf1+ Kg8 22.Qxc7 a5 23.a4 Rad8 24.Qxa5 Nc4 25.Qc3 Nd2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.88 **26.Rd1**
1-0

216 **C54**
□ **Wei,Yi** **2753**
■ **Bok,Benjamin** **2593**
Wch Blitz New York (12) 30.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.c3**
[5.a4 d6 6.c3 a6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Ba7 9.Nbd2 Qe7 10.h3 g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Qe2 Qf6 13.Bh2 Nf4 14.Bxf4 gxf4 15.g4 Ne7 16.b4 Ng6 17.Kd1 h5 18.g5 Qe7 19.b5 Kf8 0-1 Anand,V (2784)-Aronian,L (2792) Zuerich Opening Blitz 5th_19495 2016 (3)]
[5.Nc3 h6 6.Be3 Bb6 7.Qd2 d6 8.0-0-0 Na5 9.h3 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.c5 Bxc5 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.Qxd8+ Rxd8 14.Rxd8+ Kxd8 15.Rd1+ Ke7 16.Nxe5 Rd8 17.f3 g5 18.a3 c6 19.Na4 Rxd1+ 0-1 Arrondo Vila,N-Samper Gonzalez,P (1411) Barcelona Sant Marti op-B 22nd 2022 (9)]
5...d6N
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3) Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003]
6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.Nbd2 g5!? Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **9.Bg3 Nh5!?** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **10.Qe2N** The position is equal.
[10.b4 Bb6 11.Bb3 Rg8 0.50/18 *(11...f5= -0.04/20)* 12.a4 and a5 should not be overlooked a5 13.b5 Nd8 14.Nc4 Ne6 0.85/23 *(14...Nf4± 0.36/23)* 15.d4± Nef4! 16.0-0 0.00/21 ;½-½ Hong,A (2494)-Paragua,M (2475) Charlotte CCCSA Labor Day GM-B 2021 (6) *(* Better is

16.Bxf4± 0.64/20 Nxf4 17.Nxb6 cxb6 18.g3 Ng2+ 19.Kd2)]

10...Nxg3 11.hxg3 Bd7 12.a4 a5 13.Bb5 h5 14.Nc4 h4 15.0-0-0 0-0-0 16.gxh4 g4 17.Nfd2 Rxh4 18.Nb3 Ba7 19.g3 -0.26/21

[19.Ncxa5 Nxa5 20.Nxa5 *(20.Bxd7+ Qxd7 21.Nxa5 Rxh1∓)* 20...c6∓]

[⊼19.Nbxa5 0.30/22 Rxh1 20.Rxh1 Nxa5 21.Nxa5 *(21.Bxd7+ Qxd7 22.Nxa5 Qxa4∓)*]

19...Rh3!= 20.Bxc6 Bxc6 0.01/23

[20...Qg5+∓ -0.35/26 deserves consideration. 21.Kc2 Bxc6 22.Nbxa5 Bxa4+ 23.b3 Bd7]

21.Nbxa5 -1.28/22

[21.Qxg4+= 0.01/23 Bd7 22.Qf3]

21...Bxa4 -0.01/18

[Black should try 21...Qg5+∓ -1.28/22 22.Kb1 Bxa4]

22.Qxg4+ Bd7 23.Qf3 Rdh8! 24.Rxh3 Rxh3 25.Ne3 Be6 26.Kc2 Qg5 27.Nf5

[27.Re1 Bxe3 28.Qxe3 Qxe3 29.Rxe3 Bg4 30.Kd2]

27...Rh2

[27...Qf4 simplifies 28.Qxf4 exf4 29.gxf4 Bxf5 30.exf5 Bxf2 31.Rf1 Rh2]

28.Rf1 d5 Against Nc4 **29.b4 dxe4 30.dxe4** -0.66/23

[30.Qxe4= 0.01/24 Qxf5 31.Qxb7+ *(31.Nxb7? Rxf2+ 32.Rxf2 Qxf2+-+)* 31...Kd7 32.Qc6+ *(32.Qxa7 Qf3=)* 32...Kd8 33.Qa8+ Kd7 34.Qc6+ *(34.Qxa7 Qf3=)*]

30...f6 0.15/23

[30...Kb8∓ -0.66/23]

31.Kd3 Kb8 The board is on fire.

32.Nc4 -1.09/28

[32.Ne3!= 0.01/22 keeps the balance.]

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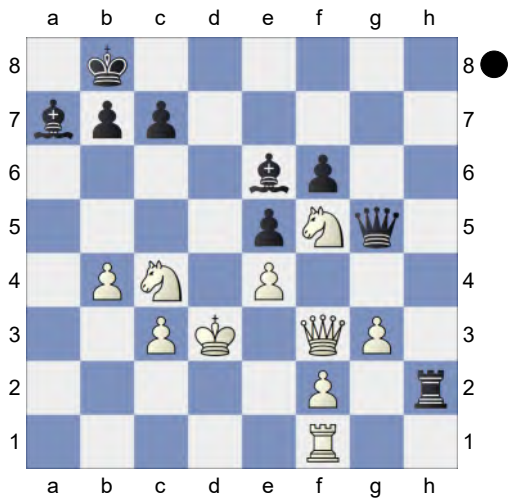


32...Qg8 0.01/22 Black is more active.

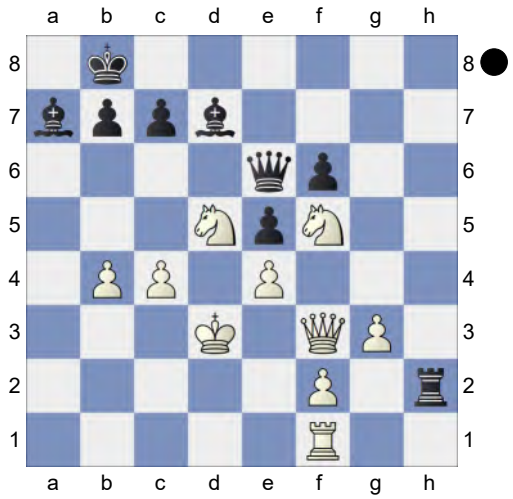
[32...Bxc4+!∓ -1.09/28 33.Kxc4 Qg8+ *(33...Qd2 34.Kb3=)* 34.Kd3 Qe6]

33.Nce3 Bd7 34.Nd5 -0.61/23

[34.Rh1= 0.25/24 Rxh1 35.Qxh1]

34...Qe6∓ Strongly threatening ...Qa6+. Black has compensation. **35.c4** -1.18/27

[35.Rh1∓ -0.55/28 Qa6+ *(35...Rxf2 36.Rh8+ Bc8 37.Qg4∓)* 36.c4 Qa3+ *(36...Rxf2 37.Rh8+ Bc8 38.Rxc8+ Kxc8 39.Qg4±)* 37.Nc3 Rxh1 *(37...Rxf2? 38.Rh8+ Bc8 39.Qg4+-)* 38.Qxh1 Bxf5 *(38...Qxb4 39.Qh8+ Bc8 40.Qxf6=)* 39.exf5]



35...Qa6!∓ Loses the game. **36.Nc3?** -3.69/23

[36.Rh1∓ -0.73/25 Qa3+ *(36...Rxf2 37.Rh8+ Bc8 38.Rxc8+ Kxc8 39.Qg4+-)* 37.Nc3 Rxh1 *(37...Rxf2?* is the wrong capture. *38.Rh8+ Bc8 39.Qg4+-)* 38.Qxh1 Bxf5 *(38...Qxb4 39.Qh8+ Bc8 40.Ne3=)* 39.exf5]

36...Be6

[Weaker is 36...Qa3 37.Ke2∓]

37.b5 Qa3↑ Black is really pushing.

38.Ne3? -13.68/27

[38.Rh1 -1.73/23 Rxh1 *(38...Rxf2 39.Rh8+ Bc8 40.Qg4±)* 39.Qxh1]

38...Bd4-+ 39.Ned1 Qb3 (→ ...Bxc3) **40.Kd2 Bxc4** This pair of bishops is nice. **41.Rh1 Rxh1** Deflection **42.Qxh1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/ Black=0.21 (precise) **42...Bxc3+**

[42...Bxb5 43.Qh8+ Ka7 44.Nxb5+ Qxb5 45.Qxf6∓]

0-1

217 **C50**

□ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2753**

■ **Grischuk,A.** **2732**

Levitov Chess Week Rapid (11.1)

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3 h6 6.0-0 d6 7.Na4 Bb6 8.c3** Recently 8.a3 got a lot of attention. 8.a3 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. **8...Bg4N**

[8...0-0 9.b4 *(9.Nxb6 axb6 10.Re1 Bg4 11.Bb3 Qd7 12.h3 Bh5 13.Kh1 Kh8 14.Qe2 g5 15.Qe3 Bg6 16.Nh2 Kg7 17.Bc2 b5 18.Bd2 d5 19.Red1 d4 20.Qe1 Nh5 21.a4 dxc3 22.bxc3 b4 23.Nf3 Nf4* 1-0 Eljanov,P (2692)-Topalov,V (2780) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2008 (12) *24.Bxf4 gxf4 25.d4 Bh5 26.dxe5 Qe6 27.Nd4 Nxd4 28.Rxd4 bxc3 29.Rb1 Kh7 30.Bb3 Qe7 31.Qxc3 Qxe5 32.Rc1 f3 33.g4 Bg6 34.Rb4 Qg5 35.Rb5 Qe7 36.Rxb7 h5 37.gxh5 Bxe4 38.Bc2 Qe6* 1-0 Ornolfsson,M (2694)-Uzhva,A (2689) USSR Ch., (Game 48) 2004 (6) *)* 9...Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Nxb6 axb6 12.a4 Ne7 13.b5 Ng6 14.c4 Qe7 15.Bd2 Nd7 16.g3 Nc5 17.Ne1 Qf6 18.Be3 Nd7 19.Kg2 Kh7 20.Nf3 Nc5 21.Bxc5 dxc5 22.Ra3 Rf7 23.Re1 1-0 Van Foreest,J (2694)-Gagunashvili,M (2556) Santiago de Compostela Bicapawn GP Rap rapid 2022 (5)]

9.b4 Qd7 White has an edge.

10.Nxb6N

[Vorgänger: 10.h3 aiming for Nxb6!. Bh5 11.Re1 -0.23/22 *(11.Qe2± 0.38/21)* 11...0-0 0.20/21 *(⌓11...g5 -0.23/22)* 12.Nxb6= axb6 13.Bb3 b5 14.Qe2 Ne7 15.d4 -0.01/21 *(15.Kh2± 0.38/20)* 15...exd4!= 16.cxd4 ½-½ Lange,S (2113)-Kluge,B (2167) DESC SMT10 email 2015 (1)]

10...axb6 11.a4 -0.25/21

[11.h3 0.17/21 Bh5 *(11...Bxh3? 12.gxh3 Qxh3 13.Nh2+-)* 12.a4]

11...0-0 0.13/19

[⌓11...Ne7 -0.25/21]

12.Bb5 Qc8 13.Re1 Ne7 14.h3 Bd7

[14...Bh5 with more complications. 15.d4 d5 16.dxe5 Nxe4 17.Ra3 c5]

15.Bxd7 Qxd7 16.d4 Ng6 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 dxe5 19.Qxd7 Nxd7 20.Be3 Rfd8 21.c4 Nf8 22.c5 bxc5 23.bxc5 -0.43/24

[23.Bxc5= 0.01/25 Ne6 24.Be3]

23...c6 0.01/26

[23...Ra7∓ -0.43/24 should be considered.]

24.Reb1= Rd7 25.a5 Ne6 26.Rb6 Rc7 27.g3 g5 28.Kf1 f6 29.Ke2 Kf7

30.Kd3 h5 31.Kc4 Ke7 32.h4 -0.65/27
[32.Ra2= 0.01/27]
32...g4 0.01/28
[32...gxh4∓ -0.65/27 33.gxh4 Rg8]
33.a6 The position is equal. **33...Rxa6 34.Raxa6 bxa6 35.Rxa6** Endgame KRB-KRN **35...Kd7 36.Ra2 Rb7 37.Ra8 Nd8 38.Bd2 Rb2 39.Kc3 Rb5 40.Be3 Rb1 41.Kc2 Rb5 42.Kd3 Rb3+ 43.Kc4 Rb1 44.Kc3** An uneventful encounter. Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) / Black=0.10 (very precise) **44...Rb5**
½-½

218 **C50**
□ **So,Wesley** **2752**
■ **Sevian,Samuel** **2696**
Saint Louis Blitz (9) 17.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4** John Watson Kitty Kat John Watson **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.Nc3 a6**
[RR 6...h6 7.h3
A) RR 7...g5 8.Be3 *(RR 8.Nxg5 hxg5 9.Bxg5 Rg8 10.h4 Be6 11.Qf3 Rg6 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.Bxd5 Nd4 14.Qd1 Rxg5 15.hxg5 Nxd5 16.exd5 Qxg5 17.c3 Nf5 18.d4 Bb6 19.a4 a6 20.a5 Ba7 21.Re1 0-0-0 22.Qf3 Rg8)* 8...g4 9.Nh2 gxh3 10.g3 Rg8 11.Bxc5 dxc5 12.Kh1 Nd4 13.f4 Qe7 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Nf5 16.Re1 Nxg3+ 17.Kg1 Ne2+ 18.Kh1 Ng3+ 19.Kg1 Qh4 20.Rxe5+ Kd8 21.Qe1 Qxf4 22.Ng4;
B) 7...Bb6 8.a3 0-0 *(RR 8...g5 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 Ne7 11.Be3 Ng6 12.Nh2 h5 13.Bxb6 axb6 14.d4 Nf4 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.f3 Qe7 17.Qd2 f5 18.exf5 Qc5+ 19.Rf2 Bxf5 20.Re1 0-0-0 21.c4 Nd3 22.Re3 Nxf2 23.Qxf2)* 9.Be3 Be6 10.Nd2
B1) RR 10...Qd7 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Ne7 13.Qf3 Qf5 *(RR 13...c6 14.dxc6 bxc6)* 14.Qxf5 Nxf5 15.Bxb6 axb6 16.Ne4 Nd7 17.c3;
B2) 10...Nd4 11.Ne2 *(RR 11.Na4)* 11...Nxe2+ 12.Qxe2 Re8 13.Bxe6 Rxe6 14.Nc4 Bxe3 15.Nxe3 d5 16.Qf3 *(RR 16.Rad1)* 16...c6 *(RR 16...dxe4 17.dxe4 Qd4)* 17.Rae1 g6 *(RR 17...dxe4 18.dxe4 Qd4)* 18.g3 *(RR 18.exd5 cxd5 19.c3)* 18...Kg7 *(RR 18...dxe4 19.dxe4 Qd4)*
B2a) RR 19.exd5 Nxd5 *(RR 19...cxd5 20.c4)* 20.Nc4;
B2b) 19.Kg2 Qd7 20.h4 *(RR 20.Ng4)* 20...Rae8 *(RR 20...h5)* 21.Rh1 Sevian,S (2687)-Firouzja,A (2737) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 33 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (81) *(RR 21.Ng4)*]
7.h3 Recently 7.a4 got a lot of attention. 7.a4 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit.
[7.Nd5 h6 8.c3 Ba7 9.a4 0-0 10.Be3 Nxd5 11.Bxd5 Ne7 12.Bb3 Ng6 13.h3 Qf6 14.a5 Nf4 15.Kh2 Bd7 16.d4 Bb5 17.c4 Be8 18.d5 Qe7 19.Bxa7 Rxa7 20.g3 Ng6 21.Nd2 Bd7 1-0 Sindarov,J (2661)-Sanal,V (2600) Dubai op-A 23rd 2023 (5) Sindarov,J (2661)-Sanal,V (2600) Dubai op-A 23rd 2023 (5) 1-0 Sindarov,J (2661)-Sanal,V (2600)

Dubai op-A 23rd 2023 (5) 1-0 1-0 Sindarov,J (2661)-Sanal,V (2600) Dubai op-A 23rd 2023 (5)]

[RR 7.a4 0-0 8.Be3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 Be6 10.Nd2 *(RR 10.Nd5 Bxd5 11.exd5 Ne7 12.e4 a5 13.c3 Ng6 14.g3 Qc8 15.b4 h5 16.Nd2)* 10...Nb4 11.a5 d5 12.exd5 Nfxd5 13.Bxd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.e4 Be6 16.Kh1 f6 17.b3 Qe7 18.Qe2 Qc5 19.Nc4 Rad8 20.Ne3 Rd7 21.Qd2 Qd4 Boskovic,M (2713)-Osnos,V (2768) Barcelona 2022 CBM 087 Extra [John Watson] 0-1 (67)]

7...h6 8.a4

[RR 8.Be3

A) 8...0-0 9.Bxc5 dxc5 10.a4 Qd6 11.Ne2 Be6 12.b3 *(RR 12.Nd2 Rad8 13.Bxe6 Qxe6 14.Ng3 Rd7 15.a5 Ne7 16.Qf3 Rfd8 17.Qe3 Qc6 18.Ra3)* 12...Nd4 13.Nfxd4 cxd4 14.f4 Bxc4 15.bxc4 Nd7 16.fxe5 Nxe5 17.Nf4 c6 18.Qe1 b5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Rxa8 Rxa8 21.cxb5 cxb5 22.Nd5 Ra2 Biastoch,B (2205)-Fuentes,A (2088) Chess.com INT 2025 1-0;

B) 8...Nd4 9.Nd5 b5 10.Bb3 Nxb3 11.axb3 Bxe3 12.Nxe3 0-0 13.c4 Bd7 14.Qd2 Qb8 15.Nh4 b4 16.Nhf5 Re8 17.f4 Bxf5 18.Nxf5 Qb6+ 19.Kh2 Rad8 20.g4 c5 21.Qg2 Kh7 22.g5 hxg5 1-0 Ivanov,V (1340)-Nikolaev,I 34th Rilton Cup 2004 (4) Ivanov,V (1340) -Nikolaev,I 34th Rilton Cup 2004 (4) 1-0 Ivanov,V (1340) -Nikolaev,I 34th Rilton Cup 2004 (4) 1-0 1-0 Ivanov,V (1340)-Nikolaev,I 34th Rilton Cup 2004 (4)]

8...g5N 0.47/20

[8...Be6= 0.01/20]

[RR 8...0-0 9.Be3 Ba7 10.Bxa7 Rxa7 11.Nd2 Be6 12.f4 *(RR 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 Ne7 14.Qf3 Ng6 15.g3 Ra8 16.Kh2 Nd7 17.Qg4 Nf6 18.Qf3)* 12...exf4 13.Rxf4 Ne5 14.Bb3 Ng6 15.Rf2 Bxb3 16.Nxb3 d5 17.Qf3 dxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.Qxe4 Qg5 20.Raf1 b6 21.Nd4 Qe5 22.Re2 Qxe4 23.Rxe4 0-1 Ismayil,M (1941)-Zhou,L (2045) EU-ch U18 Girls 30th 2022 (8) Ismayil, M (1941)-Zhou,L (2045) EU-ch U18 Girls 30th 2022 (8) 0-1 Ismayil,M (1941)-Zhou,L (2045) Antalya 2022 0-1 (63) Priyanka,N (1941)-Petkov,V (2045) Malmö 2022 ICCF 2019 [John Watson] 0-1 (63) Ismayil,M (1941)-Zhou,L (2045) EU-ch U18 Girls 30th 2022 (8) 0-1 0-1 Ismayil,M (1941)-Zhou,L (2045) EU-ch U18 Girls 30th 2022 (8) c5 24.Nf5 Rd7 25.Rfe1 Rd5 26.Ne3 Rg5 27.h4 Rh5 28.g3 f5 29.Re6 Kh7 30.Ng2 f4 31.g4 Rd5 32.h5 Nh8 33.Kf2 Nf7 34.Nxf4 Ng5 35.Kg3 Rd4 36.R6e4 Nxe4+ 37.Rxe4 Rxe4 38.dxe4 0-1 Priyanka, N (1941)-Petkov,V (2045) Sigeman & Co 04th_114347 1996 (8) Priyanka,N (1941)-Petkov,V (2045) Sigeman & Co 04th_114347 1996 (8) 0-1 Priyanka,N (1941)-Petkov,V (2045) Sigeman & Co 04th_114347 1996 (8) 0-1 0-1 Priyanka,N (1941)-Petkov,V (2045) Sigeman & Co 04th_114347 1996 (8)]

9.Nh2!± Rg8 0.57/22

[9...g4= 0.09/20]

10.Nd5 White is slightly better.

10...Nxd5N

[Vorgänger: 10...Be6 1.05/21 10…Nf6xd5 0.56 10… Nf6xd5 0.56 10… Nf6xd5 0.56 10…Nf6xd5 0.56 11.Nxf6+ 0.07/22 *(11.Be3± 1.05/21)* 11...Qxf6= 12.Bxe6 Qxe6 0.35/22

(12...fxe6= -0.01/23 13.c3 a5) 13.c3± a5 14.Qh5 0-0-0 15.Qg4 -0.21/22 *(15.Ng4* 0.16/22 should be considered.*)* 15...Rde8 16.Qxe6+ Rxe6 0-1 Eggers,U-Remstedt,M Pinneberg-ch op 1996 (7) Eggers,U-Remstedt,M Pinneberg-ch op 1996 (7) 0-1 Eggers,U-Remstedt,M Pinneberg-ch op 1996 (7) 0-1 0-1 Eggers,U-Remstedt,M Pinneberg-ch op 1996 (7)]

11.Bxd5 Qf6 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.fxe3 Qg6 1.14/21

[⌓14...Qh8 0.73/22]

15.Ng4± Bxg4 16.Qxg4 h5 17.Qe2 f6 18.Rf5 Rf8 19.d4 Hoping for Ra1-f1.

19...Qf7 2.42/21

[19...g4± 1.15/21]

20.Raf1+- h4?= 4.18/23

[20...Qe6 2.52/23 21.Qxh5+ Ke7]

21.Qg4 2.19/24

[⌓21.Rxf6 4.18/23 Qxf6 22.Qh5+ Ke7 23.Rxf6 Rxf6 24.Qxg5]

21...Qg6 22.Qe2? -0.01/20

[White should play 22.dxe5+- 2.16/23 dxe5 23.Qe2]

22...Ke7 2.79/25

[22...Qf7!= -0.01/20]

23.Qc4 Qe8 24.dxe5 dxe5 25.Qc5+ Ke6 26.Qc4+? -0.01/22

[26.Kh2+- 2.12/25 and White stays clearly on top.]

26...Ke7= 27.Qc5+? -0.01/21

[27.Qb4++- 2.87/24 Ke6 28.Qb7]

27...Ke6 28.Rd1 0.97/23 Prevents Qe8-d7.

[28.Kh2+- 2.15/24 and White stays clearly on top.]

28...Kf7± 29.Rd3 White has more active pieces. **29...Kg6 30.Rc3 Rb8 31.b3**

[Don't play 31.Qxc6?! Qxc6 32.Rxc6 Rb6 33.Rxc7 Rxb2±]

31...Rb6 32.a5 0.74/25

[⌓32.Rf1 1.12/24]

32...Rb5 33.Qxc6 Qxc6 34.Rxc6 Rxa5 35.Rxc7 Endgame. KRR-KRR

35...Ra2 36.Rc6 Kg7 37.Kf2 a5 38.Rc4 Rd8 0.93/28

[38...Rf7± 0.44/27]

39.Ke2 0.51/27

[39.Rc7+± 0.93/28 Kg6 40.Rc6]

39...Rd6± 40.Rf1 Against Ra2-a1

40...Kg6 0.84/27

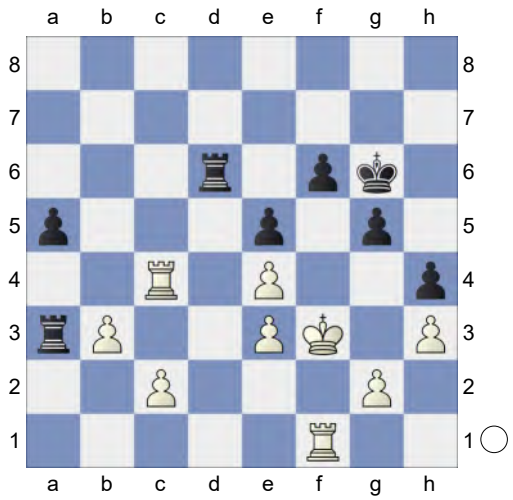
[40...Kf7!± 0.47/26]

41.Kf3 0.40/25

[41.Rb1± 0.84/27]

41...Ra3 1.12/25

[41...Rd7± 0.40/25]



42.Rf2 0.01/28

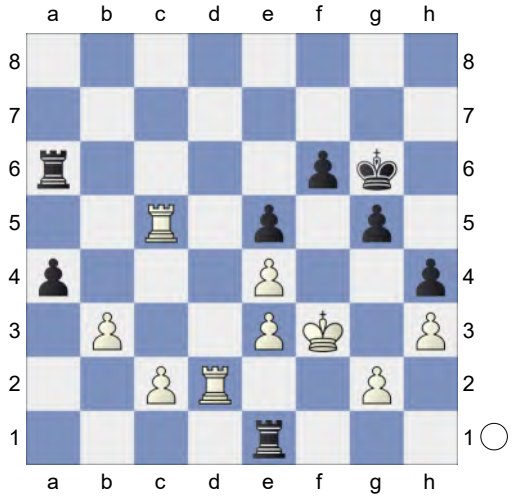
[42.Rc1!± 1.12/25]

42...Ra1= 43.Ke2 Rad1 44.Kf3 Re1 45.Rc5 Ra6 0.63/27

[45...Ra1= 0.15/27]

46.Rd2± a4

(Diagram)



...a4-a3 would now be deadly. **47.bxa4** 0.01/25

[Better is 47.Rc7± 0.68/26 f5 *(47...a3 48.Rdd7±)* 48.bxa4 Rf1+ 49.Ke2]

47...Rxa4= 48.Kf2 Raa1 49.Kf3 Rf1+ 50.Rf2 Rfd1 51.Rc6 Black must now prevent Kf3-g4. **51...Rf1! 52.Rxf1 Rxf1+** KR-KR **53.Ke2! Rg1 54.Kf2 Rc1 55.c4** The position is equal. **55...Kf7 56.c5 Rc4 57.Kf3 Ke7 58.Rc7+ Ke6 59.Rc6+ Ke7 60.Rc8 Kd7 61.Rf8 Ke7 62.Rc8 Kd7 63.Rf8 Ke7 64.Rc8** Black defended with fortune. Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/Black=0.21 (precise) Black defended with fortune. Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/Black=0.21 (precise) Black defended with fortune. Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/Black=0.21 (precise) Black defended with fortune. Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/Black=0.21 (precise)

½-½

219 **C54**

□ **So,Wesley** **2752**

■ **Erigaisi Arjun** **2778**

Julius Baer Gen Cup P/I m D1 (2.4)

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6** White has an edge. **9.Bg3** -0.19/19

[9.a4± 0.34/21 Nh5 10.Bg3 Nxg3 11.hxg3 Nb8 12.Ba2 Nd7 13.d4 c6 14.Qc2 Qc7 15.g4 c5 16.g5 hxg5 17.0-0-0 Bf6 18.Rh2 g6 19.Rdh1 cxd4 20.Rh6 Kg7 21.Nb1 Nc5 22.Nxd4 Bd7 23.Rh7+ Kg8 24.Nb5 6.Nc6 bc6 7.e5 Nd5_52674 (2738)-2.c4 e5 3.Nf3 d6 4.d4_19526 (2600) Masters KO Bastia FRA 2004 (9.7) 1-0]

9...Na5N

[9...g6 10.a3 Nh5 11.Nf1 Kh7 12.Ne3 f5 13.exf5 gxf5 14.d4 f4 15.Nh4 Nxg3 16.Qc2+ Kh8 17.Ng6+ Kg7 18.Nxf8 Qxf8 19.fxg3 fxe3 20.Rf1 Bf6 21.Qe4 exd4 22.Bd3 Qf7 23.0-0-0 e2 24.Qh7+ 4.Bc6 bc6 5.b3 d6_35647 (2633)-Jimenez Fraga,P (2727) Karlovac 27/195 1979 (8.9) ½-½]

10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 Nh5!N

A top novelty. Eine Top Neuerung.

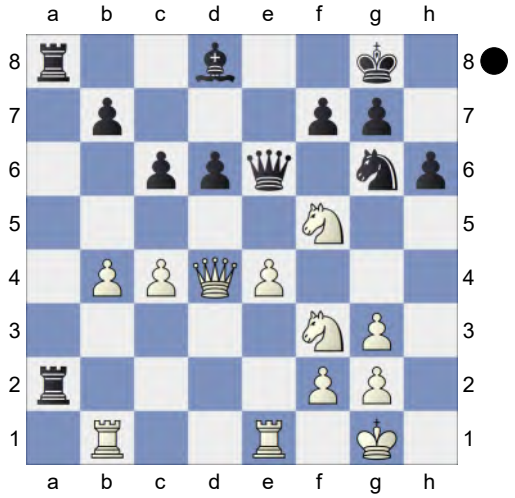
[Vorgänger: 11...b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.0-0 Nh5 14.Re1 g6 15.Nf1 Nxg3 16.hxg3 Bf6 17.Ne3 Bg7 Vidit,S (2720)-Lazavik,D (2578) Crunchlab PlayIn Match D2 rapid 2024 (2.2) ½-½]

12.b4 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Nc6 14.Bb3 a5 15.a3 Bg4 16.Rb1 -0.08/24

[16.b5± 0.31/21 Na7 17.a4]

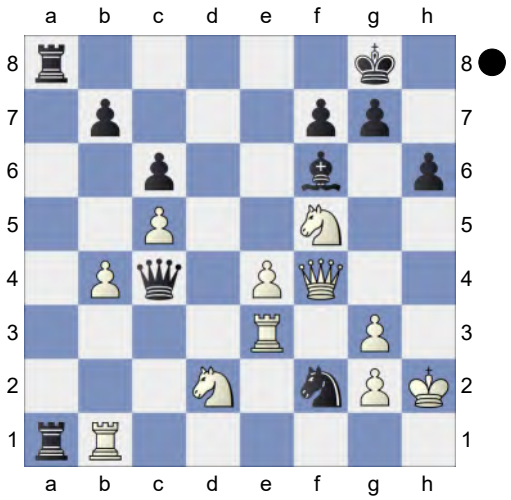
16...axb4= 17.axb4 Qd7 18.Nf1 Ra3

19.Ne3 Be6 20.Bxe6 Qxe6 21.Qc1 Ra2 22.0-0 Rfa8 23.Re1 Bd8 24.Qd1 Ne7 25.d4 c6 26.c4 exd4 27.Qxd4 Ng6 28.Nf5



Ne5 29.c5 Bf6 aiming for ...Ne5xf3+.
30.Qxd6
[30.cxd6? Nxf3+ 31.gxf3 Bxd4-+]
30...Ng4 31.Qf4 -0.79/20
[31.Qxe6= 0.17/23 keeps the balance. fxe6 32.e5]
31...Nxf2∓ 32.Re3 -2.05/26 Prevents Nf2-d3
[32.Qd6∓ -0.84/24]
32...Qc4 33.Kh2 -2.46/23 Prevents Nf2-h3.
[33.Ne1∓ -1.40/25]
33...Ra1 -1.39/25
[33...h5-+ -2.46/23 ...Nf2-g4+ would now be deadly. 34.e5 Ng4+ 35.Kh3 Qxf4 36.gxf4 Nxe3 37.Nxe3 Be7]
34.Nd2? -4.12/28
[34.Ree1∓ -1.39/25 was worth a try. Rxb1 35.Rxb1]

(Diagram)



This costs White the game. **34...Rxb1!-+**
35.Qxf2
[35.Nxh6+ gxh6 36.Qxf2 Qxb4 37.Nxb1 Bd4 *(37...Qxc5? 38.Qf3-+)*]
35...Qc2
[35...Qxb4 36.Nxb1 Qxb1 37.Re1= *(37.Nxh6+ gxh6 38.Qxf6 Ra1∓)*]
36.Re2 -6.14/23
[⌓36.Nxh6+ -4.33/22 gxh6 37.Qxf6 Qxd2 38.Rf3]
36...Rc1 37.Nxh6+ -6.39/22
[⌓37.Nf3 -4.17/19 Qb1 38.g4]
37...gxh6 38.Qxf6 Qd1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/ Black=0.25 (precise)
0-1

220 **C54**
□ **So,Wesley** **2752**
■ **Erigaisi Arjun** **2778**
Julius Baer Gen Cup P/I m D1 (2.2)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1 Bb6 8.Bg5N**
[8.h3 h6 *(8...Ne7 9.Nbd2 Ng6 10.d4 c6 11.Bf1 Re8 12.Qc2 Bc7 13.b4 a5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5*

dxe5 16.a4 7) Italian 4...Bc5 5.c3 - Tre-Italian 4...Bc5 - Trendy Bb6*)* 9.Nbd2 Ne7 10.a4 a5 11.Bb3 c6 12.Nf1 Ng6 13.Ng3 d5 *(13...Re8 14.d4 Be6 15.Bc2 Qc7 16.Be3 Rad8 17.Qc1* 7) Italian 4...Bc5 5.c3 - Tre-Italian 4...Bc5 - Trendy Bb6*)* 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.d4 exd4 16.Nxd4 Re8 17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Be3 Bc7 20.Qd3 Bd7 *(20...Bxg3 21.fxg3 Bd7 22.b3 Qe5 23.Bf2 Re8 24.Re1 Qb8 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.Nb5 Qe5 27.Kh2 Ne7 28.Bd4 Qe6 29.g4 f5 30.gxf5 Nxf5 31.Bf2 Qe5+ 32.Kg1 Kh8 33.Nd4 Kg8 34.Qe2 Qf4 35.Qf3* 5.Be2 0-0-0 6.Be3_46143 (2665)-Ellithorpe,G (2687) London FIDE GP 1st 2012 (3) ½-½ *)* 21.b3 7) Italian 4...Bc5 5.c3 - Tre-Italian 4...Bc5 - Trendy Bb6]

8...Ne7 0.43/24

[8...h6= 0.04/22 is superior. 9.Bh4 Kh8]

9.Bxf6± gxf6 White is slightly better. **10.d4 c6 11.Nbd2 Ng6 12.Bb3 Kh8 13.Nc4 Bg4 14.Ne3 Be6 15.d5 Bc8 16.Qd2 Bxe3 17.fxe3 f5 18.exf5 Bxf5 19.e4 Bg4** ...Bg4xf3 would now be deadly. **20.dxc6 Bxf3 21.cxb7**

[Of course not 21.gxf3 bxc6 22.Kh1 Qf6∓]

21...Rb8 aiming for ...Ng6-h4! **22.gxf3** With the idea Bb3-d5. **22...f5** 1.51/23

[22...Rxb7= 0.09/24 remains equal. 23.Rad1 a5]

23.Kh1 0.63/25

[23.exf5± 1.51/23 Rxf5 24.Bd5]

23...Rxb7 1.29/26

[Black should try 23...fxe4!± 0.63/25 24.Rxe4 Qf6]

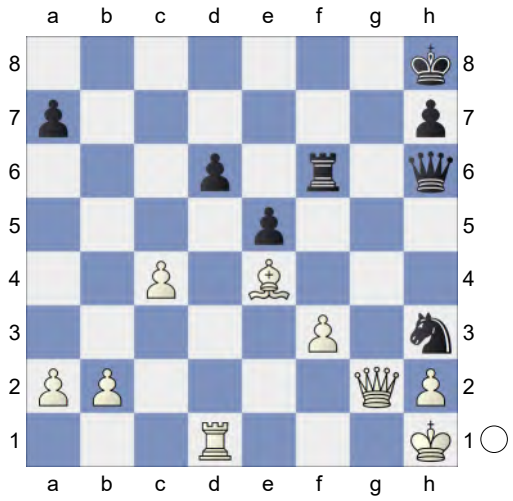
24.exf5± Rxf5 25.Rad1 0.86/23

[⌓25.Rg1 1.23/23]

25...Rf6 1.31/27

[Better is 25...Qb8 0.86/23]

26.Bd5 Rg7 Black is weak on the light squares **27.Rg1 Qf8 28.c4 Nf4 29.Be4 Nh3 30.Rxg7 Qxg7 31.Qg2 Qh6**

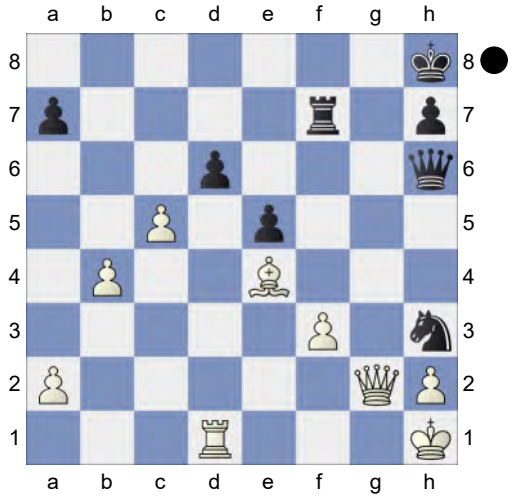


32.b4 0.00/26

[32.Qd2!± 1.04/23]

32...Rf7→ White must now prevent ... Rf7-g7. Black is up to no good. **33.c5?** -5.94/28

[33.Qd2= 0.00/26 and White is okay. Rg7 34.f4 *(34.Qxh6? Nf2#)*]



33...Rg7!-+ 34.Qf1 Qh4 35.Rd2 Against Nh3-f2+. And now c5-c6 would win. **35...Rg1+ 36.Qxg1 Nxg1 37.Rd1 Nh3** (→ ...Nh3-f2+) **38.c6 Nf2+**

Black mates. **39.Kg2 Nxd1 40.c7 Ne3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/ Black=0.15 (very precise)
0-1

221 **C53**
□ **So,W.** **2751**
■ **Eljanov,P.** **2668**
Chess.com Classic Play-In blitz (7)
[Kitty Kat]

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[9.Nbd2 g5 10.Bg3 0-0 11.Bb3 Nh7 12.Kh1 Qf6 13.Nc4 Qg7 14.Ne3 Nf6 15.a4 *(15.Bc2 Kh8 16.Rc1 Nh5 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.exf5 Rad8 19.Nd2 Nxg3+ 20.fxg3 f6 21.g4 d5 22.Qf3 Qf7 23.Ba4 Ne7 24.Bd1 c6 25.Qh3 Ng8 26.Bc2 Qc7 27.a4 Rd7 28.Nb3 Re7 29.Rce1 b5* 0-1 Keuter,K-Glatthaar,M corr 150/107 2020*)* 15...Kh8 16.Qe2 Bd7 17.Rae1 Rae8 18.Qd1 Bc8 19.Nd2 h5 20.h4 Ng4 21.hxg5 Qxg5 22.Nf3 Nxe3 23.Nxg5 Nxd1 Mcdermott,F-Schakel,C corr 150/ (107) 2020]

9...g5 10.Bg3 Bg4 11.Nc2N -0.45/18

[11.Bb5 0-0 12.h3 Bh5 13.Nc4 Ne7 And now ...c6 would win. 14.Ba4 c6 0.39/21 *(14...Ng6=* -0.01/22 is superior.*)* 15.Bc2 Bg6? 1.96/20 *(15...Ng6=* 0.07/20 *)* 16.Nxd6!+- Qxd6 17.Bxe5 1-0 Firouzja,A (2751)-So,W (2751) Saint Louis Blitz 2024 (3)]

[11.h3= 0.10/20 Bh5 12.Re1]

11...0-0 0.27/18

[11...h5!∓ -0.45/18 12.h4 Nh7]

12.Ne3= Bxe3 13.fxe3 Kg7 14.h3 Be6 15.Nd2 Bxc4 16.Nxc4 Qe7 17.a4 b6 18.Rf2 Qe6 19.Qe2 Nd7 20.d4 Repels Nc5 **20...Qg6** 1.03/21

[20...Ne7± 0.43/23]

21.Nd2± White is more active. **21...Ne7 22.Raf1 f6 23.h4 Rac8 24.Qg4 Rcd8 25.h5 Qf7 26.Nf3** -0.01/22

[26.Qe2± 0.52/21]

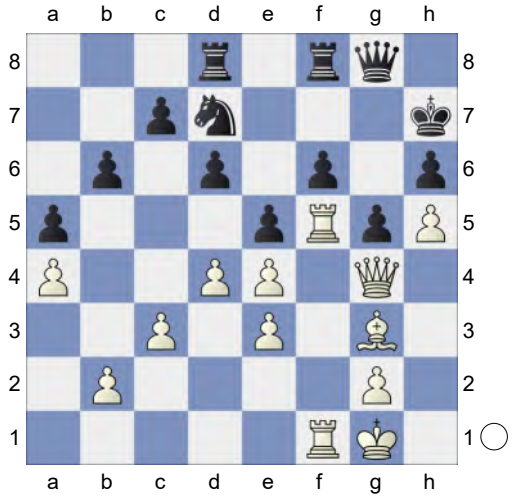
26...Qc4= 27.Nh4 Kh8 28.Nf5 Nxf5 29.Qxf5 Qg8 30.Qg4 Kg7 31.Rf5 -0.09/24

[⌓31.b4 0.27/25]

31...Kh7? 2.13/24

[31...Rde8= -0.09/24 and Black is okay.]

(Diagram)

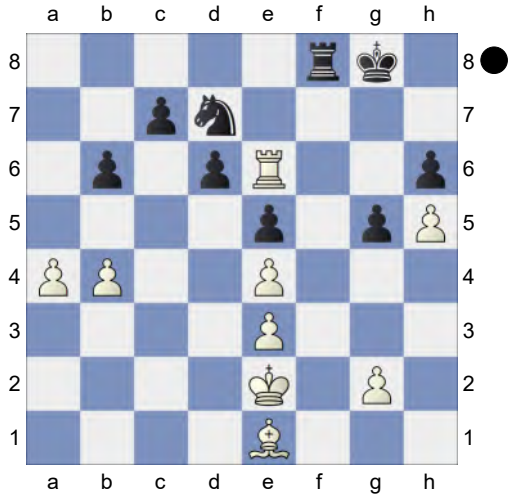


32.R5f3? 0.25/21

[32.dxe5!+- 2.13/24 dxe5 33.R5f2]

32...Kg7! 33.R3f2 Rfe8 34.dxe5 fxe5 35.Bh4 Qe6 36.Qxe6 Rxe6 37.Rf7+ Kg8⇄ Black puts up resistance **38.Be1 Ree8 39.b4! axb4 40.cxb4 Rf8 41.Re7** White wants to play a5. **41...Rxf1+ 42.Kxf1** Endgame KRB-KRN **42...Rf8+ 43.Ke2 Rf7 44.Re8+ Rf8 45.Re7 Rf7 46.Re8+ Rf8 47.Re6** -7.20/26

[47.Rxf8+= 0.01/37 Kxf8 48.Kd3]



47...Rf6? 0.01/39

[Black should play 47...Nf6!-+ -7.20/26 48.Re7 Rc8]

48.Rxf6 The position is equal.

[48.Re7!? Rf7□=]

48...Nxf6 KB-KN **49.a5 b5 50.a6 Nd7! 51.a7 Nb6 52.Kf3 Kf7 53.Kg4** Hoping for Kf5. **53...Ke6 54.Bd2 Na8 55.Bc3 Nb6 56.Kf3 Na8 57.Be1 Nb6 58.Kg4 Na8 59.Kf3 Nb6 60.Ke2 Na8 61.Bc3 Nb6 62.Kf3 Na8 63.Kg4 Nb6 64.Ba1 Na8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.23 (precise) **65.Bc3**

½-½

222 **C54**

□ **So,Wesley** **2751**

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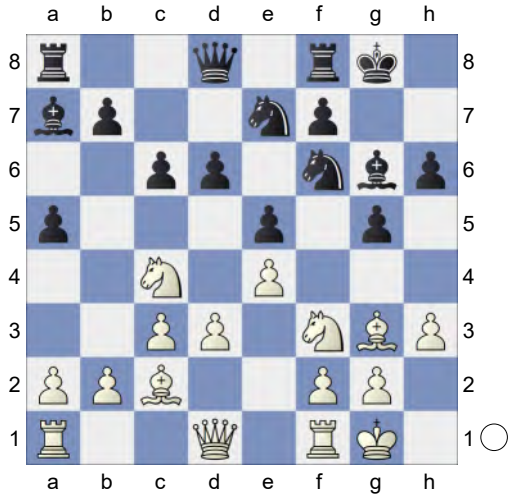


16.Nxd6!+- Qxd6 17.Bxe5 1-0 Firouzja,A (2751)-So,W (2751) Saint Louis Blitz 2024 (3)]

[11.h3= 0.12/20 Bh5 12.Re1]

11...0-0 0.30/18

[Black should play 11...h5!∓ -0.43/18 12.h4 Nd7]

12.Ne3= Bxe3 13.fxe3 Kg7 14.h3 Be6 15.Nd2 Bxc4 16.Nxc4 Qe7 17.a4 b6 18.Rf2 Qe6 19.Qe2 Nd7 20.d4 Prevents Nc5. **20...Qg6** 1.08/23

[20...Ne7± 0.64/20]

21.Nd2± White is more active. **21...Ne7 22.Raf1** 0.75/21

[Better is 22.Qb5 1.18/20 c6 23.Qd3]

22...f6 23.h4 Rac8 24.Qg4 Rcd8 25.h5 Qf7 26.Nf3 0.01/25

[26.Qe2± 0.43/21]

26...Qc4= 27.Nh4 Kh8 28.Nf5 Nxf5 29.Qxf5 Qg8 0.50/25

[29...Rg8= 0.01/25]

30.Qg4 Kg7 31.Rf5 -0.08/25

[31.b4!± 0.33/26 is superior.]

31...Kh7? 2.20/25

[31...Rde8= -0.08/25 and Black has nothing to worry.]

32.R5f3? -0.01/20

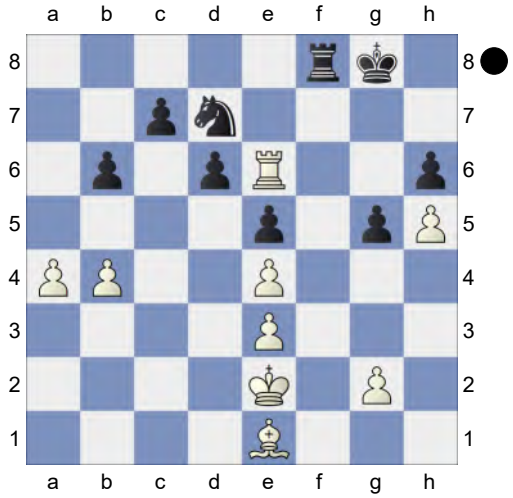
[32.dxe5+- 2.20/25 dxe5 33.R5f2]

32...Kg7! 33.R3f2 Rfe8 34.dxe5 fxe5 35.Bh4 Qe6 36.Qxe6

[36.Rf5 is interesting. Kh7 37.Rf7+ Kg8 38.Qxe6 Rxe6 39.Be1]

36...Rxe6 37.Rf7+ Kg8⇄ Black is not keeping still **38.Be1 Ree8 39.b4 axb4 40.cxb4 Rf8 41.Re7** With the idea Rxf8+. **41...Rxf1+ 42.Kxf1** Endgame KRB-KRN **42...Rf8+ 43.Ke2 Rf7 44.Re8+ Rf8 45.Re7 Rf7 46.Re8+ Rf8 47.Re6** -7.52/26

[47.Re7= 0.01/38 Rf7]

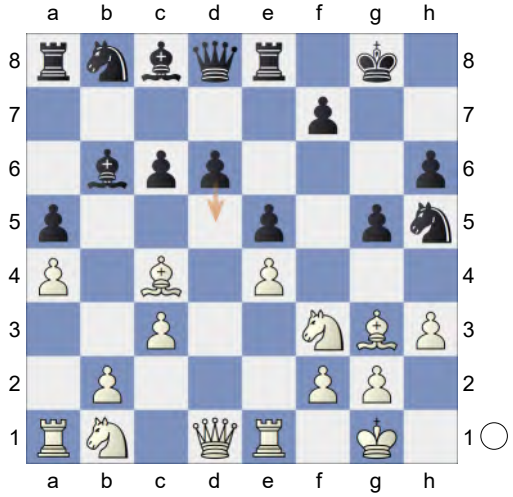


47...Rf6? 0.01/40

[47...Nf6!-+ -7.52/26 48.Re7 Rc8]
48.Rxf6 The position is equal.
[48.Re7!? Rf7□=]
48...Nxf6 KB-KN **49.a5 b5 50.a6 Nd7! 51.a7 Nb6 52.Kf3 Kf7 53.Kg4** and Kf5 should not be overlooked **53...Ke6 54.Bd2 Na8 55.Bc3 Nb6 56.Kf3 Na8 57.Be1 Nb6 58.Kg4 Na8 59.Kf3 Nb6 60.Ke2 Na8 61.Bc3 Nb6 62.Kf3 Na8 63.Kg4 Nb6 64.Ba1 Na8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.22 (precise) **65.Bc3 ½-½**

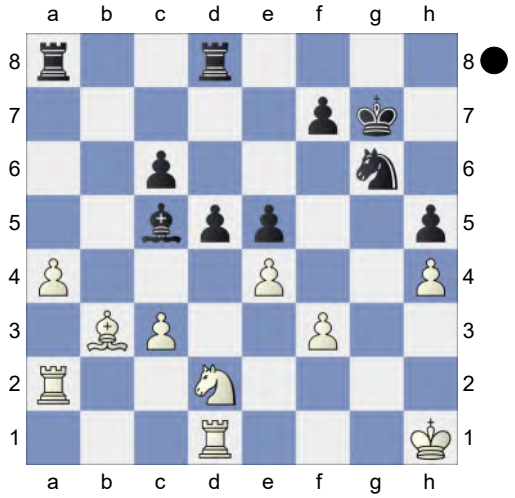
223 **C54**
□ **bot_adario** **2751**
■ **cinder-bot** **2979**
Rapid 27.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+2sec C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 0-0 6.c3N**
[6.a4 a6 *(6...a5 7.c3 d5 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Re1 Bg4 10.Nbd2 Nb6 11.Bb5 Bd6 12.h3 Bh5 13.Ne4 f5 14.Ng3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Ne7 16.Bg5 c6 17.Bc4+ Nxc4 18.dxc4 e4 19.Nxe4 fxe4 20.Qxe4 Rf7 21.Rad1* 1-0 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗c4 (2804)-C 06/32 (2785) corr 1901 (6)*)* 7.Bg5 *(7.c3 Ba7 8.Re1 d6 9.h3 b5 10.Bb3 b4 11.a5 Rb8 12.Nbd2 Be6 13.Bc2 h6 14.Nf1 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Bd2 b3 17.Bb1 Qd6 18.Qe2 Rbe8 19.Ra3 f5 20.Nxe5 Bd7 21.d4 Nxd4* ½-½ 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 ♘c6 (2791)-C 06/30 (2809) cr AR ch 1984 (5.1)*)* 7...h6 8.Bh4 Be7 9.Bg3 d6 10.c3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Qe8 13.Nbd2 b6 14.Qb3 Qd7 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 Nd8 17.Rac1 b5 18.axb5 axb5 19.d5 Re8 20.Nd4 Bf8 Italian Game-5.d3 0-0 6.a4 Survey 2018]
[6.Re1 d6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Be6 9.Nc3 Nd4 10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Qf3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Bxc4 13.dxc4 g5 14.Bg3 Nd7 15.h4 gxh4 16.Bh2 Qg5 17.Re3 Kh8 18.Qe2 Rg8 19.g3 hxg3 20.Rxg3 Qh4 0-1 Zeydan,S (2060)-Khamdamova,A (2139) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (9)]
6...d6 7.h3 a5 8.d4 Bb6 9.Re1 Re8 The position is equal. **10.Ng5 Re7 11.d5 Nb8 12.Nf3 c6 13.Bg5 Re8 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.a4 h6 16.Bh4 g5**
[16...Be6 simplifies 17.Na3 Bc5 18.Qd2 Bxa3 19.Bxe6 Rxe6 20.Bxf6 Qxf6 21.Rxa3 Nd7]
17.Bg3 Nh5⇄



Black has counterplay **18.Bh2 Nf4 19.b4** -0.37/20
[19.Nbd2= 0.06/19]
19...h5!∓ 20.Bg3 g4 21.Bh4 Qd7 22.Ng5 Rf8 Really sharp! **23.hxg4 Ng6! 24.Bg3 Qxg4 25.Qxg4 Bxg4** 0.01/19
[25...hxg4∓ -0.43/22 26.Rd1 Nf4]
26.bxa5 Bd8 27.f3 Nxf7 is the strong threat. **27...Bc8 28.Nh3 Bxh3 29.gxh3**

Bxa5 30.Rd1 Rd8 31.Kh1 -0.94/20
[31.Ra2∓ -0.49/19 should be considered.]
31...Na6∓ 32.h4 -1.41/20
[⌓32.Ra3 -0.88/19]
32...Nc5 33.Bf2 Kg7 34.Ra2 Bb6 35.Bxc5 Bxc5 36.Nd2 d5 Black is more active. White is weak on the dark squares
[36...Nxh4 37.Nb3∓]
37.Bb3



Ba7 -0.81/19
[37...Nxh4 38.a5∓]
[37...Rab8!-+ -1.87/20 ...Be3 is the strong threat. 38.a5 Nxh4]
38.exd5 cxd5 39.c4 -1.85/20
[39.Nf1∓ -0.83/22]
39...d4-+
[39...Nxh4 40.cxd5 Rab8 41.a5∓]
40.c5 Bxc5
[40...Nxh4 41.Rg1+ Ng6 42.Ne4∓]
41.f4? -4.08/21
[41.Ne4 -1.96/18 was worth a try. Bb4 42.Kh2]
41...d3
[41...Nxh4 42.Rg1+ Ng6 43.f5=]
[41...exf4? 42.a5-+]
42.fxe5 Rab8
[42...Nxh4 43.Ne4 Bb4 44.Rf2±]
[42...Nxe5? 43.Re1 Ng4 44.Rf1-+]
43.Rf1 Nxe5
[43...Nxh4 44.Rxf7+ Kh6 45.Rf6+ Kg7 46.Rf7+ Kh6 47.Rf6+ Kg7 48.Rf7+=]
44.a5 Rd4 45.Ra4 Rxa4 46.Bxa4 Rb4 47.Bb3 f6
[Weaker is 47...Rxh4+ 48.Kg2∓]
48.a6 Rxh4+
[48...Be3? 49.Re1 Rxh4+ *(49...Bxd2 50.Rg1+ Kh6 51.a7-+)* 50.Kg2-+]
49.Kg2 Rg4+ 50.Kh3? -6.00/22
[50.Kh2 -3.38/21 Ba7 51.Rc1]
50...Ng6 51.Kh2 Nf4 52.Rc1 -8.26/26
[⌓52.Ba4 -5.11/21 Be3 53.Nf3]
52...Be3 53.Nf3 Prevents Rh4+
53...Rg2+
[Not 53...Bxc1 54.a7 Rg2+ 55.Kh1±]
54.Kh1 Rb2
[54...Bxc1 55.a7 Rb2 56.a8Q *(56.Ba4? Ne2-+)* 56...Rxb3 57.Qa7+ Kh6 58.Qd4=]
55.Rc7+ Kh6 56.Bg8 Rf2 57.Rh7+ Kg6 58.Nh2 d2 59.Rd7 Ne2 60.Bh7+ Kh6 61.Nf1 Rxf1+ 62.Kg2 Rf2+ 63.Kh1 Ng3+ 64.Kg1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless) **64...Re2#**
0-1

224 **C53**
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2750**
■ **Makhnev,Denis** **2525**
FIDE World Cup 2025 (2.2) 05.11.2025
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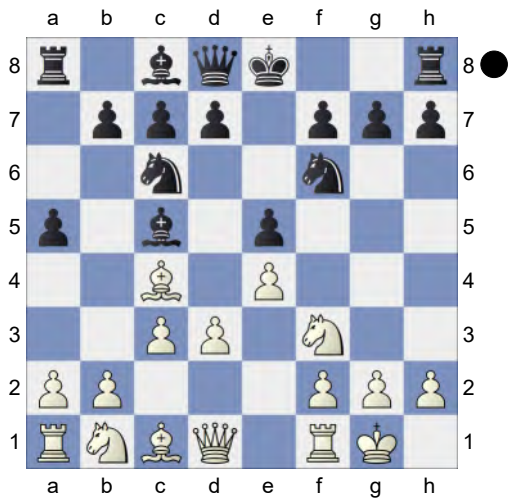

d6 7.Re1 h6 8.Nbd2 White is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.h3N**

[9.a4 Be6 10.Bb3 Re8 11.Bc2 Nd7 12.Nf1 d5 13.Ng3 d4 14.Qe2 f6 15.Nd2 Rf8 16.Qf3 Qe7 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.Qxf5 Nd8 19.Bb3+ Kh8 20.Nf3 Nf7 21.Nh4 Qe8 22.Ng6+ Kg8 23.Qg4 Nb6 1-0 Chmielowski,A-Klementys,J POL corr Poland 1993]

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[16.Qxe4?! Nxe5 17.N1h2 c6∓]

16...exf3 1.28/24

[16...cxd6 0.92/21 17.Qxe4 Ne5]

17.Qe6+±

[17.Qxe7 fxg2 18.Ne3 cxd6 19.Qxd6 Qe8-+]

17...Rf7 18.dxe7 Qe8

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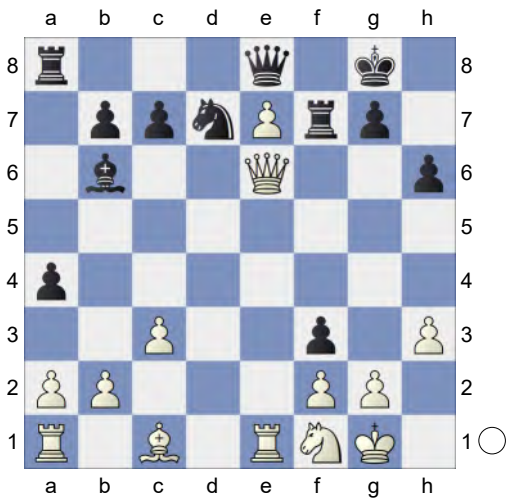


And now ...fxg2 would win. **19.Ng3** White is much more active.

[19.gxf3 Bc5±]

19...fxg2 20.Re2 aiming for Bxh6!.

[20.Kxg2 Bxf2 21.Re2 Nc5∓]

20...Nf6? 3.37/21

[Black should try 20...Kh8!± 0.66/19]

21.Bf4? 1.00/22

[Weaker is 21.Kxg2 Bc5±]

[21.Bxh6+- 3.37/21 and the rest is easy. Bc5 *(21...gxh6? perishes. 22.Rd1+-)* 22.Nf5]

21...Qc6 22.Rd1 0.30/23 Chess con chili.

[22.Qxc6± 1.09/25 bxc6 23.Nh5 *(23.Kxg2 Re8=)*]

22...Re8!= 23.Qxc6! The position is equal. **23...bxc6 24.c4** Dodges Nd5. Nf5 is in the air

[24.Rd8!? Rfxe7 25.Rxe8+ *(25.Rxe7 Rxd8 26.c4 Kf8∓)* 25...Rxe8 26.Rxe8+ *(26.Kxg2 Kf7=)* 26...Nxe8 27.Kxg2∓]

24...Rfxe7

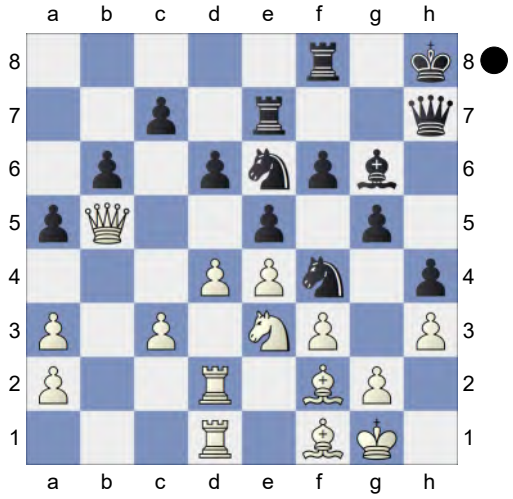
[24...Rexe7 simplifies 25.Rxe7 Rxe7 26.Kxg2 Kf7]

25.Rxe7 Rxe7 26.Kxg2 Kf7 27.Rd3 Rd7 28.Rf3 Ke6 29.Be3 Bd4 30.b3 axb3 31.axb3 Be5 32.Bc5 Bxg3 33.Rxg3 g5 Weighted Error Value:

White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise) **34.Re3+**
½-½

225 **C54**
□ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu** **2750**
■ **Leko,Peter** **2666**
Olympiad-45 Budapest (6.2) 16.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 d6 7.c3**
[7.a3 a6 8.c3 Ba7 9.0-0 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 dxe5 13.Qxh5 Qe7 14.a4 Be6 15.Na3 0-0-0 16.Rad1 Kb8 17.Bxe6 Qxe6 18.Nc4 g4 19.Ne3 Rhg8 20.Qf5 Qxf5 21.Nxf5 h5 1-0 Sinowjew,J (1784)-Power (1461) Simultaneous Display 11 (1)]
7...a5 8.0-0 g5N 8...Ba7 might become the main line. 8...La7 könnte zur Hauptfortsetzung werden.
[8...Ba7 9.a4 g5 10.Bg3 Ne7 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Ng6 13.d4 Nh5 14.dxe5 Nxg3 15.hxg3 dxe5 16.Rad1 g4 17.Nh2 Qg5 18.Rfe1 Kg7 19.Re2 h5 20.Ndf1 h4 21.Rd3 hxg3 22.Rxg3 Nf4 23.Nxg4 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2688)-Harikrishna,P (2720) Olympiad-44 Chennai 2022 (6.1) Bxg4 24.Ne3 Bxe3 25.Rexe3 Ng6 26.Be2 Be6 27.Qb5 Qf4 28.Qc5 Rh8 29.Qxc7 Rh6 30.Bf3 Rc8 31.Qxa5 Rch8 32.Kf1 Rh1+ 33.Ke2 Bc4+ 34.Kd2 Rf1 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2677)-Fedoseev,V (2685) Chess.com Rapid Winners 2022 (2.3)]
9.Bg3 0-0 10.Na3N
[Vorgänger: 10.Nbd2 Ba7 11.Kh1 Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.a3 Ne7 14.Bh2 -0.67/21 *(14.Qc2=* 0.01/20 *)* 14...g4!∓ 15.hxg4 Nxg4 16.Bg3 -0.85/20 ;½-½ Firouzja,A (2777)-So,W (2753) Chess.com Speed Chess blitz 2023 (2.31) *(16.d4∓* -0.33/20 *)*]
10...Bxa3 11.bxa3 Bg4 12.Re1 Kg7 13.Rb1 Rb8 14.d4 -0.18/21
[Better is 14.a4± 0.33/19]
14...Nh5= 15.Re3 Nf4! 16.h3 Bh5 17.Qd2 Qf6! 18.Kh2 b6 19.Bb5 Nd8 20.Ne1 Nde6 21.Nc2 Bg6 22.f3 h5! 23.Rf1 h4 24.Bf2 Nh5 -0.10/18
[24...c5∓ -0.50/20 feels stronger.]
25.Kg1 -0.52/19
[25.Rd1= -0.10/18]
25...Kh7 0.06/19
[25...Nef4∓ -0.52/19]
26.Rd1 Rbd8 27.Ree1 Nhf4 28.Ne3 Qg7 29.Qb2 f6 30.Rd2 Qe7 31.Red1 Kh8 32.Qb3 Qh7 33.Bc4 Rde8 34.Qb5 Re7 35.Bf1 -0.79/21
[35.Kh2= 0.01/18]

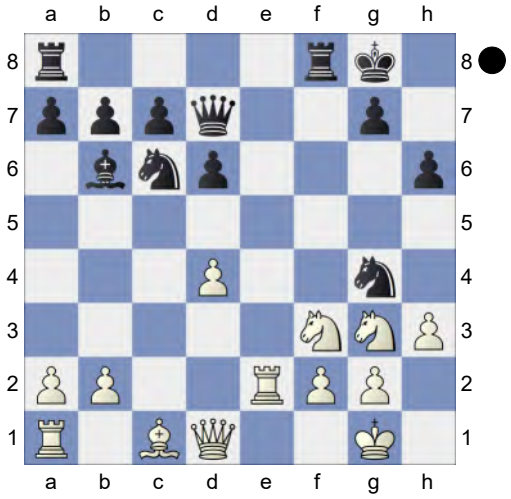


35...Be8 -0.07/20
[35...g4!∓ -0.79/21 36.Nxg4 *(36.fxg4 Bxe4 37.dxe5 fxe5∓; 36.hxg4 h3=)* 36...Be8]
36.Qb2 The position is equal. **36...Bg6**

37.Re1 Ree8 38.Qc1 Re7 39.Qd1
[39.Kh2 looks sharper. Be8 40.Nf5 Ref7 41.Bc4]
39...Ree8 40.Qa1 Re7 41.Qc1 Ree8 42.Qb2 Re7 43.Rdd1 Ree8 44.Rd2 Re7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
45.Rdd1
½-½

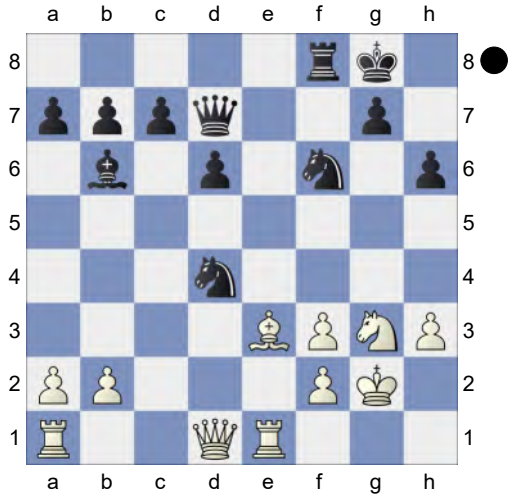
226 **C54**
□ **Giri,Anish** **2748**
■ **Dardha,Daniel** **2646**
WchT Blitz Final (1.2) 15.06.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...h6N
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3)]
6.0-0 d6 7.Nbd2
[7.b4!? Bb6□ 8.a4=]
7...0-0 8.Re1
[8.b4!? Bb6□ 9.a4=]
8...Bb6! is currently scoring better than 8...a5. wohl besser als 8...a5. **9.Nf1 Ng4 10.Re2 Na5N**
[10...Qf6? 1.82/19 10...Na5 0.11 11.h3 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 Ne7 1.98/20 *(13...Na5± 1.58/19* was called for.*)* 14.Kg1+- Qg6 15.Kh2 Kh8 16.Ng3 f5 1-0 Courjal,P (1904)-Grandval,E (1293) FRA-ch U18/20 Girls 2023 (1)]
11.Bb5 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Ng3 Black must now prevent Nxf5. **13...Bd7 14.Bxd7 Qxd7 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 Nc6 17.h3**



Rxf3! 18.gxf3 Nf6 19.Kg2 Nxd4 20.Re1 Rf8 21.Be3? -2.63/22
[21.a4!∓ -0.32/18]

(Diagram)

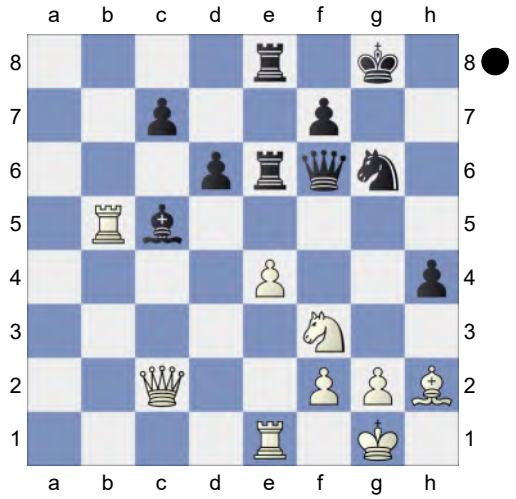


21...Nd5!-+ A dynamic duo of knights.
22.Qd3
[22.Rh1 c5]
22...Nxe3+? -0.01/21
[Worse is 22...Rxf3 23.Qe4 Nxe3+ 24.Rxe3∓]
[22...c6-+ -2.97/21 23.f4 Rxf4 *(23...Nxf4+ 24.Bxf4 Rxf4 25.Qg6∓)* 24.Bxd4 Bxd4 *(24...Rxd4? 25.Qf5-+)*]
23.fxe3= The position is equal.
[23.Rxe3? too greedy. Ne6 24.Qd5 Bxe3 25.fxe3 c6-+]
23...Nxf3 Threatens to win with ...Nh4+.
24.Rf1↑ White is pushing. **24...Nh4+ 25.Kh2** Some like it hot **25...Nf3+ 26.Kg2 Nh4+ 27.Kh2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) / Black=0.32 **27...Nf3+**
½-½

227 **C50**
□ **Giri,A.** **2748**
■ **Vidit,S.** **2720**
Quantbox Chennai GM 2025 (6.5)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3**
[6.h3 a5 7.Nc3 h6 8.Be3 0-0 9.d4 Bb4 10.d5 Ne7 11.Bd3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Ng6 13.Kh2 Nh7 14.Nd2 Qh4 15.Qe1 f5 16.f3 Qe7 17.exf5 Bxf5 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Ne4 b6 20.c4 Rff8 ½-½ Jumabayev,R (2590)-Nogerbek,K (2493) Asian Continental op 20th 2023 (8)]
6...a5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Bd7N
[8...Ba7 9.a4 g5 10.Bg3 Ne7 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Ng6 13.d4 Nh5 14.dxe5 Nxg3 15.hxg3 dxe5 16.Rad1 g4 17.Nh2 Qg5 18.Rfe1 Kg7 19.Re2 h5 20.Ndf1 h4 21.Rd3 hxg3 22.Rxg3 Nf4 23.Nxg4 0-1 Boskovic,M (2688)-Kennaugh,C (2720) 45: Lloyds Bank 1994 (6.1) Bxg4 24.Ne3 Bxe3 25.Rexe3 Ng6 26.Be2 Be6 27.Qb5 Qf4 28.Qc5 Rh8 29.Qxc7 Rh6 30.Bf3 Rc8 31.Qxa5 Rch8 32.Kf1 Rh1+ 33.Ke2 Bc4+ 34.Kd2 Rf1 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2688)-Harikrishna,P (2720) Olympiad-44 Chennai 2022 (6.1)]
9.Nbd2 Ba7 10.Rc1 0-0 0.32/20
[10...g5= -0.07/21 11.Bg3 0-0]
11.Re1± g5 12.Bg3 Ne7 13.d4 Ng6 14.h3 Re8 15.Bd3 g4 16.hxg4 Nxg4 17.Nh2 -0.41/22
[17.Nc4= -0.01/23]
17...h5 -0.01/19
[17...Nxh2!∓ -0.41/22 18.Bxh2 Qe7]
18.Be2= Qg5 19.Ndf3 Qe7 20.Nxg4 Bxg4 21.Nd2
[21.Nh2? Bxe2 22.Rxe2 h4-+]
21...Bxe2
[21...exd4 22.Bxg4 hxg4 23.Qxg4]
22.Qxe2 h4 23.Bh2 exd4 24.Nf3 -0.37/21
[24.Qh5= -0.01/22]
24...dxc3∓ 25.Rxc3 Bc5 -0.24/20
[25...Bb6∓ -0.77/21]

26.a3= Qf6 27.Qc2 -0.85/22
[27.Rd3∓ -0.48/20]
27...Bb6∓ 28.Rd3 -1.30/21
[⌓28.Re2 -0.86/21]
28...Re6 29.Rd5 Rae8? 0.15/23
[29...Ne5!∓ -1.43/21 30.Bxe5 dxe5]
30.Rh5= Bd4
[30...a4 seems wilder. 31.Re2 h3 32.Qxa4 Nf4]
31.Rxa5 -0.94/22
[31.Rf5? Qxf5 32.Nxd4 Rxe4 33.Rxe4 Rxe4-+ *(33...Qxe4? 34.Qxe4 Rxe4 35.Nf3-+)*]
[31.Re2= 0.01/23 remains equal.]
31...Bxb2 -0.19/20
[Better is 31...c5∓ -0.94/22 32.Ra7 d5 *(32...Bxb2 33.Rxb7 Bxa3 34.Bxd6∓)* 33.Nxd4 cxd4]
32.Rb5? -2.03/22
[32.Rh5!= -0.19/20 and White has nothing to worry.]
32...Bxa3-+ 33.Rxb7 Bc5! 34.Rb5



Qf5 -0.76/23 **35.Bxd6∓**

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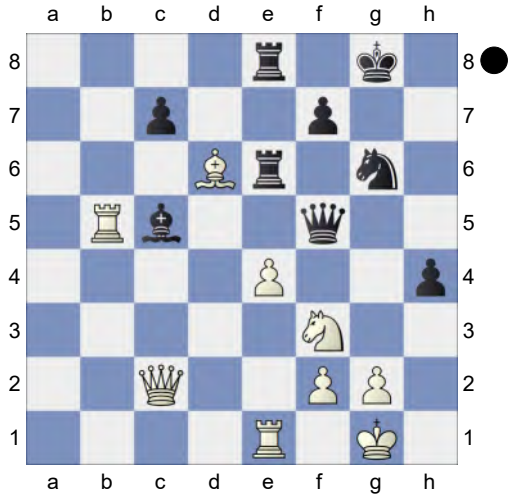
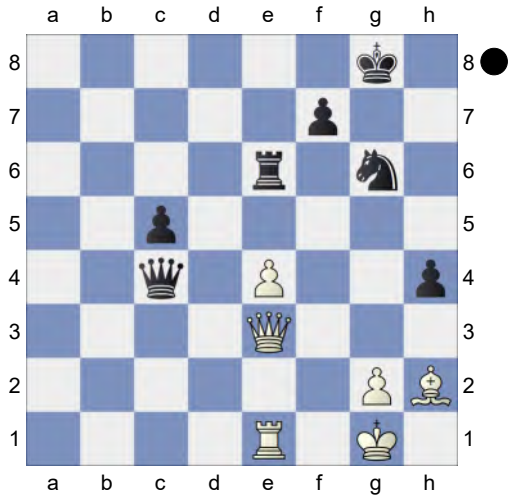


Bxf2+ Discovered Attack **36.Qxf2 Qxb5 37.Nd4 Qc4 38.Nxe6 Rxe6**
[38...Qxe6 39.Bxc7 h3 40.gxh3∓]
39.Bh2 c5
[39...Rxe4?! 40.Rxe4 Qxe4 41.Bxc7=]
40.Qe3 -1.41/22
[White should try 40.Qf5 -0.77/21]



40...Qd4 -0.45/22
[40...Qb5!∓ -1.41/22 41.Rc1 c4]
41.Qxd4∓ cxd4 Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **42.Kf2** -0.75/22
[42.Kf1∓ -0.32/24 might be stronger.]
42...Rc6 -0.19/23
[42...Kg7∓ -0.75/22 and ...Kf6 should not be overlooked 43.Re2 Kf6]

43.Rd1= Rc2+ 44.Kg1 Rc4 45.Kf1 f6 46.Bg1 d3 47.Rxd3 Rxe4 48.Rd4 Re5 49.Bf2 Rh5 50.Kg1 h3 51.gxh3 Rxh3 52.Kg2 Rb3 53.Bg3 Kf7 54.Ra4 Nf8 55.Bh4 Ne6 56.Bxf6 Kxf6 KRN-KR **57.Ra5 Nd4 58.Kf2 Nf5 59.Ke2 Kg5 60.Ra4 Ng3+ 61.Kd2 Kf5 62.Kc2 Re3 63.Ra8 Ne4 64.Rf8+ Ke5 65.Re8+ Kd4 66.Rd8+ Kc4 67.Rc8+ Nc5 68.Kd2 Re7 69.Rc6 Rd7+ 70.Ke3 Rd3+ 71.Ke2 Rh3 72.Rc8 Kd4 73.Rd8+ Kc3 74.Rc8 Kc4 75.Re8 Nd3 76.Rc8+ Kd4 77.Rd8+ Ke4 78.Re8+ Ne5 79.Kd2 Rh2+ 80.Kc3 Re2 81.Rh8 Re3+ 82.Kc2 Ra3 83.Re8 Ra5 84.Kc3 Rc5+ 85.Kb3 Kd4 86.Rd8+ Ke3 87.Rh8 Nf3 88.Kb4 Rc1 89.Rh7 Kd3 90.Rh3 Rc4+ 91.Kb5 Rf4 92.Kc5 Rf5+ 93.Kd6 Kd4 94.Rh1 Rf6+ 95.Ke7 Rb6 96.Rf1 Ke4 97.Rh1 Kd5 98.Rd1+ Ke5 99.Kd7 Nd4 100.Kc7 Rb2 101.Rh1 Ne6+ 102.Kc6 Rc2+ 103.Kb6 Kd5 104.Rh5+ Kd6 105.Kb5 Nf4 106.Rh1 Rc5+ 107.Kb4 Nd3+ 108.Kb3 Rc1 109.Rxc1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.18 (very precise) **109...Nxc1+ ½-½**

228 **C50**
□ **Aronian,L.** **2748**
■ **So,W.** **2748**
Champions Showdown Kings (1.3)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 CWN 18/1/1908 Played in a "FLS" corr. tourney; Peterson (Cork) v Kershaw (Luton) **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.h3 d6**

[5...0-0 6.Nc3 Na5 7.a3 Nxc4 8.dxc4 d6 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Qd3 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Nxg5 hxg5 13.Bxg5 Kg7 14.f4 exf4 15.Ne2 c6 16.b4 Be3 17.Rf1 Kg6 18.h4 Bxc4 19.Qxc4 d5 20.Qb3 1-0 Firouzja,A (2778)-Aronian,L (2759) Saint Louis 154/106 2022]

6.c3N

[6.Nc3 Ne7 *(6...a6 7.a3 Ba7 8.Be3 h6 9.d4 0-0 10.0-0 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Re8 14.f4 b5 15.Ba2 Bb7 16.Rae1 c5 17.Qd3 Qb6 18.Kh2 c4 19.Qf3 Qd4 20.Rd1 Qc5 21.Rfe1* 1-0 Dardha,D (2609)-Yurasova,D (2048) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early blitz 2022 (2) *Rad8 22.b4 cxb3 23.Bxb3 Qxa3 24.Nxb5 Qc5 25.Nc3 Rc8 26.Rd3 a5 27.Rde3 Qb4 28.Rb1 Qc5 29.Bxf7+ Kxf7 30.Rxb7+ Kg8 31.Rb5 Qc7 32.Nd5 Nxd5 33.Rxd5 Qxc2 34.Rxa5 Ra8 35.Rd5 Qc1 36.Rxd6* 1-0 Dardha,D (2606)-Ismayil,M (2002) Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Dec Late blitz 2022 (1) *)* 7.Be3 Bb6 8.a3 h6 9.Qd2 Be6 10.Qe2 c6 11.Bb3 Bxb3 12.cxb3 Ng6 13.g3 0-0 14.Rd1 Qe7 15.b4 Qe6 16.d4 d5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Qxe5 19.Bxb6 axb6 20.f4 Qe7 1-0 Peterson,N-Kershaw,W Four-Leaved Shamrock tourney 1907]

6...0-0 7.Bg5 a6 8.Bb3 h6 9.Bh4 The position is equal. **9...g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.Nbd2 Qf6 12.Qe2 Kh8 13.0-0-0 Bd7 14.Rdf1 b5 15.Bh2! Nf4 16.Bxf4 gxf4 17.g4 Rg8 18.Bd5 b4** 0.36/20

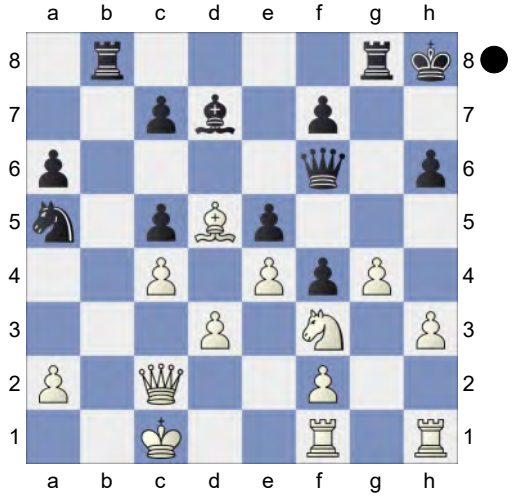
[18...Rab8!= -0.01/21 feels stronger.]

19.Nb3 -0.61/22

[19.cxb4!⩲ 0.36/20 Bxb4 20.Kb1]

19...bxc3∓ Black converts the advantage

convincingly. **20.Nxc5** -1.04/23
[White should play 20.bxc3∓ -0.46/21 Ba3+ 21.Kc2]
20...dxc5∓ 21.bxc3 Rab8 22.Qc2 -1.86/23 Repels c4
[22.Kc2∓ -1.18/22]
22...Na5-+ 23.c4 -2.61/23
[23.Kd2 -1.65/21 keeps fighting.]



23...Qb6! 24.Kd2 Hoping for Rb1!.
[24.Nxe5? Ba4-+]
24...Qb4+ 25.Ke2 Ba4 26.Qd2 Qxd2+ 27.Nxd2 Kg7 28.Rb1 c6 -1.98/22
[⌓28...Bc2 -3.81/24 29.Rxb8 Rxb8]
29.Bxf7? -4.21/26
[Wrong is 29.Rxb8? Rxb8 30.Rb1 Rxb1 31.Nxb1 cxd5]
[29.Rhc1 -1.98/22 was forced.]

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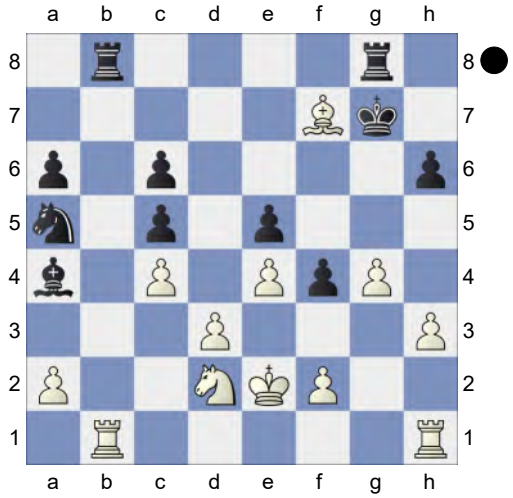


29...Kxf7 30.Rhc1 Inhibits Bc2.
30...Rb4 Black is clearly winning. **31.Rc3 Rxb1 32.Nxb1 Rb8 33.Nd2 Rb4 34.h4 Nb7 35.g5 hxg5 36.hxg5 Nd8 37.Nf3 Kg6 38.Rc1 Nf7 39.Kf1 Rb2 40.a3 Bc2 41.Ne1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/Black=0.19 (very precise) **41...Bb1**
0-1

229 **C50**
□ **Giri,A.** **2748**
■ **Hovhannisyan,R.** **2629**
Abu Dhabi Masters Online blitz (8)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 a5 8.c3 Ba7 9.Nbd2**
[9.a4 g5 10.Bg3 Ne7 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Ng6 13.d4 Nh5 14.dxe5 Nxg3 15.hxg3 dxe5 16.Rad1 g4 17.Nh2 Qg5 18.Rfe1 Kg7 19.Re2 h5 20.Ndf1 h4 21.Rd3 hxg3 22.Rxg3 Nf4 23.Nxg4 Bxg4 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2688)-Harikrishna,P (2720) Olympiad-44 Chennai 2022 (6.1) 24.Ne3 Bxe3

25.Rexe3 Ng6 26.Be2 Be6 27.Qb5 Qf4 28.Qc5 Rh8 29.Qxc7 Rh6 30.Bf3 Rc8 31.Qxa5 Rch8 32.Kf1 Rh1+ 33.Ke2 Bc4+ 34.Kd2 Rf1 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2677)-Fedoseev, V (2685) Chess.com Rapid Winners 2022 (2.3)]

9...g5 The position is equal. **10.Bg3 0-0 11.a4N**

[11.Bb3 Nh7 12.Kh1 Qf6 13.Nc4 Qg7 14.Ne3 Nf6 15.a4 *(15.Bc2 Kh8 16.Rc1 Nh5 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.exf5 Rad8 19.Nd2 Nxg3+ 20.fxg3 f6 21.g4 d5 22.Qf3 Qf7 23.Ba4 Ne7 24.Bd1 c6 25.Qh3 Ng8 26.Bc2 Qc7 27.a4 Rd7 28.Nb3 Re7 29.Rce1 b5* 0-1 Keuter,K-Glatthaar,M corr 150/107 2020*)* 15...Kh8 16.Qe2 Bd7 17.Rae1 Rae8 18.Qd1 Bc8 19.Nd2 h5 20.h4 Ng4 21.hxg5 Qxg5 22.Nf3 Nxe3 23.Nxg5 Nxd1 24.Bxd1 Kg7 25.Nh3 Rh8 Mcdermott,F-Schakel,C corr 150/(107) 2020 26.f4 h4 27.Bf2 Bxf2 28.Rxf2 f5 29.exf5 Bxf5 30.fxe5 Rhf8 31.d4 dxe5 32.d5 Nb8 33.Kg1 Nd7 Schulze,U-Karlsson,S (ol) 34/51 Luzern 1982]

11...Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Qc2 Bg6 14.Rae1 Nh5 15.Bh2 Qf6 16.Kh1 Nf4 17.Ng1 Kg7 0.86/21

[17...Kh7= -0.01/21]

18.Ne2 0.10/21

[18.g3!± 0.86/21]

18...Rae8 19.Qd1 Ne6 0.92/21

[19...Nd8= 0.07/20 remains equal.]

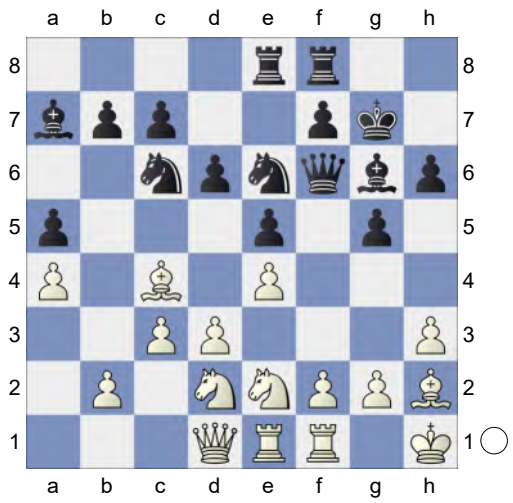
20.Ng3 -0.01/19

[20.Bb5!± 0.92/21]

20...Nf4= 21.Ne2 Ne6 0.94/22

[21...Nd8= -0.02/22]

(Diagram)



22.Bb5!± Rd8 23.d4 Hoping for d5. Deflection **23...exd4** 1.60/24

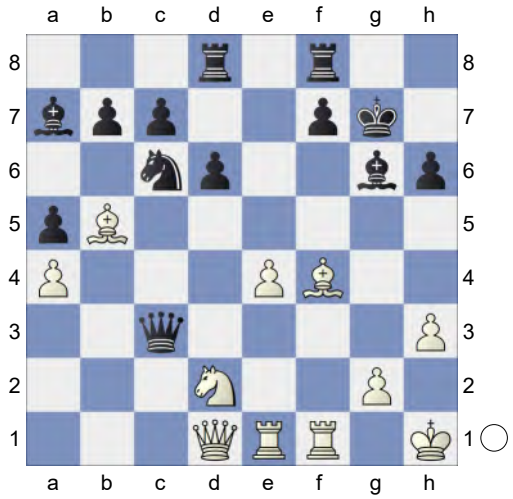
[⌓23...Ne7 0.89/21]

24.f4 dxc3 25.bxc3 1.12/26

[25.fxg5+- 1.71/25 Qxg5 26.Nf3]

25...gxf4 26.Nxf4 Nxf4 27.Bxf4 Qxc3 2.07/21

[27...Qh4± 1.30/24]



28.Rf3? 0.15/22

[28.Qg4!+- 2.07/21]

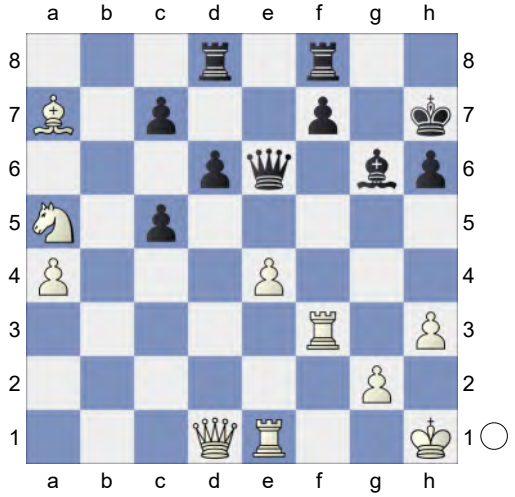
28...Qd4? 2.49/22

[28...Qc5!= 0.15/22 and Black stays safe.]

29.Bxc6+- bxc6 30.Be3 Skewer, Deflection **30...Qe5** 4.96/24

[30...Qb4 2.42/23 was called for.]

31.Bxa7 c5 32.Nc4 Qe6 33.Nxa5 1.09/20
[33.Ne3+- 5.11/23 and White stays clearly on top.]
33...Kh7? 3.90/22
[33...Ra8± 1.09/20]



34.e5! dxe5 35.Qc1 e4 36.Rfe3 2.22/20
[Less strong is 36.Bxc5 Qa6+-]
[⚠36.Qxc5 4.49/22 Qa6 37.Rf4]
36...f5 37.Rc3
[Much less strong is 37.Qxc5 f4+-]
[37.Nb7?! Ra8+-]
37...Ra8? 3.87/24
[37...Rf7 2.20/21 38.Rxc5 *(38.Bxc5 f4+-; 38.Nb7 Ra8+-)* 38...f4]
38.Bxc5 Rfd8 8.04/20
[38...Rf7 3.27/20 39.Bb4 f4]
39.Bb4 White is clearly winning.
39...Rd7 40.Rxc7 Ra7 41.Rxd7+ Rxd7 42.Qc6 Qxc6 43.Nxc6 Rc7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/ Black=0.73 **44.Ne5**
1-0

230 **C50**
□ **Giri,A.** **2748**
■ **Vidit,S.** **2720**
Abu Dhabi Masters Online blitz (7)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 a5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Ba7** The position is equal. **9.Nbd2**
[9.a4 g5 10.Bg3 Ne7 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Ng6 13.d4 Nh5 14.dxe5 Nxg3 15.hxg3 dxe5 16.Rad1 g4 17.Nh2 Qg5 18.Rfe1 Kg7 19.Re2 h5 20.Ndf1 h4 21.Rd3 hxg3 22.Rxg3 Nf4 23.Nxg4 Bxg4 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2688)-Harikrishna,P (2720) Olympiad-44 Chennai 2022 (6.1)]
9...Bd7N
[9...g5!? 10.Bg3□
A) 10...0-0 11.Bb3 Nh7 12.Kh1 Qf6 13.Nc4 Qg7 14.Ne3 Nf6 15.Bc2 *(15.a4 Kh8 16.Qe2 Bd7 17.Rae1 Rae8 18.Qd1 Bc8 19.Nd2 h5 20.h4 Ng4 21.hxg5 Qxg5 22.Nf3 Nxe3 23.Nxg5 Nxd1 24.Bxd1 Kg7 25.Nh3 Rh8 26.f4 h4 27.Bf2 Bxf2 28.Rxf2 f5 29.exf5 Bxf5* Mcdermott,F-Schakel, C corr 150/(107) 2020*)* 15...Kh8 16.Rc1 Nh5 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.exf5 Rad8 19.Nd2 Nxg3+ 20.fxg3 f6 21.g4 d5 22.Qf3 Qf7 23.Ba4 Ne7 24.Bd1 c6 25.Qh3 0-1 Keuter,K-Glatthaar,M corr 150/107 2020 Ng8 26.Bc2 Qc7 27.a4 Rd7 28.Nb3 Re7 29.Rce1 b5 30.Ra1 b4 31.c4 h5 32.gxh5 Nh6 33.g3 e4 34.Rae1 Qe5 35.Qg2 Qxb2 36.dxe4 Ng4 37.c5 Qc3 38.Qe2 Ne5 39.Rc1 dxe4 40.Bd1

0-1 Weber,S-9. ♗e3 00 10. ♖c1_70226 (izt) 22/623 1976;
B) 10...Qe7=]

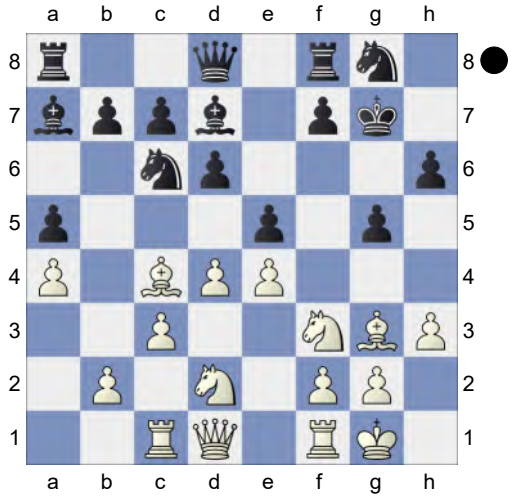
10.Rc1 g5 11.Bg3 0-0 12.h3 -0.25/20
[12.Re1± 0.37/21]

12...Kg7 0.51/23
[Better is 12...Nh5= -0.25/20 13.Bh2 g4 14.hxg4 Bxg4]

13.a4 -0.32/22
[13.Re1± 0.51/23]

13...Ng8 0.58/22
[13...Nh5∓ -0.32/22 14.Bh2 g4]

14.d4



Deflection **14...exd4 15.cxd4 Nxd4 16.e5 Bc6 17.exd6 cxd6 18.Nxd4 Bxd4 19.Ne4** Repels Nf6. Discovered Attack
[19.Bb5 simplifies Bxb5 20.axb5 Bxb2 21.Rc2]

19...Bxb2 1.05/26
[19...Qb6= 0.28/26 20.Nxd6 f5]

20.Nxd6± Bxc1 21.Qd4+ 0.12/23
[21.Qxc1± 1.05/26 Strongly threatening Re1. Qf6 22.Re1]

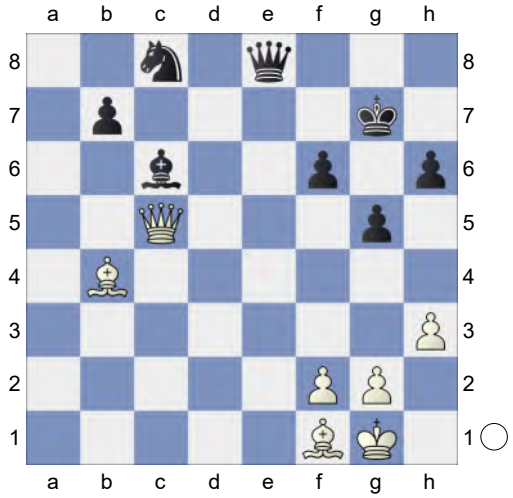
21...f6!=
[21...Qf6? 22.Be5 Bf4 23.Bxf6+ Nxf6 24.Nf5+ Kg6 25.Bd3+-]

22.Rxc1 Qd7 23.Re1 Rae8 Inhibits Be6. **24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.Nxe8+ Qxe8 26.Qb6 Ne7 27.Qxa5 Bxa4 28.Bd6 Nc8 29.Bb4** This pair of bishops is nice. **29...Bc6 30.Qc5**
[30.Ba3 Qe5 31.Qb4 Qe8 32.Bf1]

30...Qd8 Prevents Bd3
[30...b6 seems wilder. 31.Qd4 b5 32.Bd3 Qe5]

31.Bf1 White has compensation.

31...Qe8 1.01/27
[31...Be4= 0.07/24 keeps the balance.]



32.f3 -0.10/27
[32.Bd3!± 1.01/27 Bd7 33.Qc7]

32...Qd8 33.Be2 Qb6 34.Kh2 Qxc5 35.Bxc5 Endgame KBB-KBN. Black is a pawn up. **35...Bd5 36.Bb5 Kf7 37.Bd7 Ne7 38.Kg1** -1.02/26
[38.Bb5∓ -0.42/23]

38...h5 -0.43/27
[38...Bc6∓ -1.02/26 39.Bxc6 Nxc6]

39.Bb5∓ h4 40.Kf2 Ng6 41.Bd3 Nf4 42.Bb5 Ke6 43.Bd4 Ke7 44.Bc5+ Kf7! 45.Be3 Ne6 46.Bd3 Nd8 47.Bb5 Ne6 48.Bd7 -0.69/22
[White should play 48.Bd3!= 0.01/22]

48...Nf8 49.f4? -8.73/24 **gxf4-+ 50.Bxf4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.19 (very precise) **50...Nxd7 0-1**

231 **C50**
□ **Rapport,Richard** **2748**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2727**
10th Sinquefield Cup (8.1) 29.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7!** outshines the older 7...d6. erfolgreicher als das alte 7...d6. **8.a4**

[8.0-0 Nxe4 9.Bxe7 Nxc3 10.Bxd8 Nxd1 11.Bxc7 Nxb2 12.Bb3 b5 13.Bd5 a6 14.Nxe5 Bb7 15.Nxd7 Rfc8 16.Nc5 Rxc7 17.Nxb7 Re8 18.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 19.Rxe1 Nb4 20.Re8+ Kh7 21.Be4+ g6 22.a3 Rxc2 1-0 Bantiwalu,A (1704)-Besra,M (1557) Olympiad Women-45 2024 (5.62)]

8...d6 9.Bxf6N

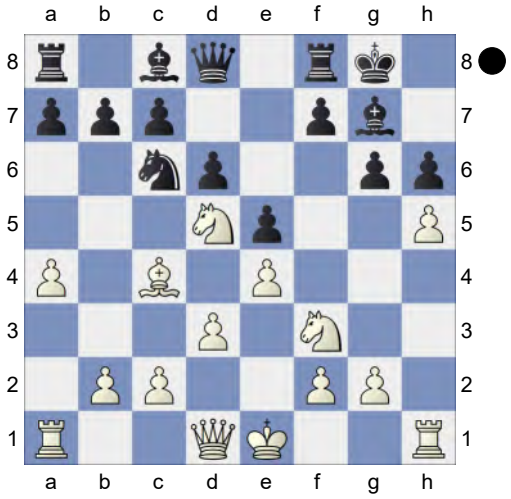
[9.Ne2 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Nh5 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Qd2 Qf6 14.Qe3 Nd4 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Qe2 Nf4 17.Qf1 c6 18.Rg1 Qe5 19.a5 Kh8 20.Kd2 f5 21.Bb3 fxe4 22.fxe4 a6 23.Rg3 Rf6 0-1 Manhattan Cc (2253)-Loehr,H (2592) Saint Louis 154/(49) 2022 (3) 24.Qg1 Nh5 25.Rg6 Raf8 26.Rxf6 Rxf6 27.c3 Qf4+ 28.Ke1 dxc3 29.bxc3 Qh4 30.Bd1 Nf4 31.Qg3 Nxd3+ 0-1 Alboredo,J (2253)-Leitao,R (2592) Catas Altas Caraca op 4th rapid 2023 (3)]

[9.0-0 g5 10.Bg3 Bg4 11.Nb1 h5 12.h3 h4 13.hxg4 hxg3 14.Nc3 gxf2+ 15.Kxf2 Nxg4+ 16.Ke2 #4 2) Italian - Fast & Furious-3...Bc5 4.d3 Nf6]

9...Bxf6 10.Nd5 g6N

[Vorgänger: 10...Be6 11.c3 g6 12.h4 Bg7 13.h5 g5 14.Ne3 Bd7 15.g4 Ne7 16.Nd2 Kh8 17.Ndf1 c6 ½-½ Demchenko,A (2619)-Dubov,D (2716) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Aug Early blitz 2023 (10)]

11.h4 Bg7 12.h5



h5xg6 would now be deadly. **12...g5 13.Ne3 Ne7 14.Nd2 c6 15.g4 d5 16.Bb3 Kh8 17.Ndf1 Qa5+ 18.Qd2 Qxd2+ 19.Kxd2 Rd8 20.Ng3 dxe4 21.Nxe4** Excellent horsemanship. **21...f5 22.gxf5 Nxf5 23.Nxf5 Bxf5 24.Rae1 a5 25.Nc5 b6** 0.20/24

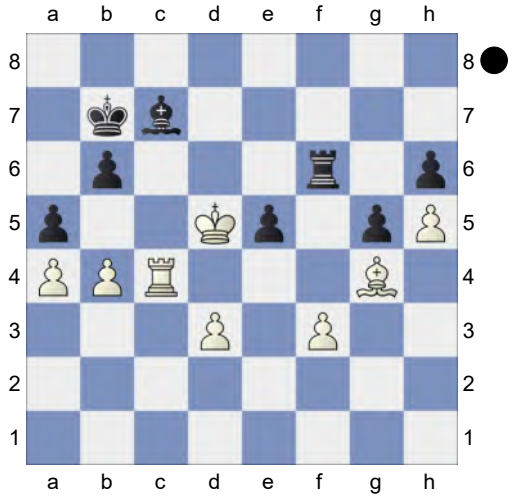
[25...Rd4∓ -0.32/22]

26.Ne6= Bxe6 27.Bxe6 Rf8 28.Rhf1 Rad8 29.Re4 Rd4 30.c3 Rd6 31.Bg4 Rfd8 32.Be2 c5 33.Kc2 Kg8 34.Kb3 Kf7 35.Kc4 Rf8 36.Re3 Ke7 37.Rf3 Kd8 0.50/24

[37...Rdf6= 0.13/25 38.Rxf6 Rxf6]

38.Rxf8+± Bxf8 Endgame. KRB-KRB **39.Bg4 Rf6 40.f3 Bd6 41.Re1 Kc7 42.Kd5 Kb7 43.Re4 Kc7 44.Rc4 Kb7 45.b3 Bc7 46.b4** The position is equal. **46...cxb4 47.cxb4**

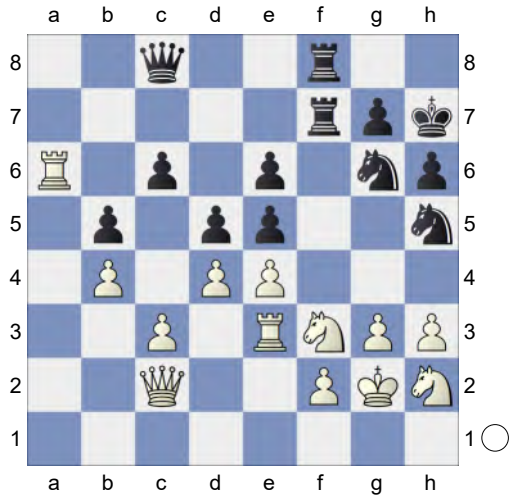
(Diagram)



b5! 48.axb5 a4 49.Rc6 Rxc6 50.bxc6+= KB-KB **50...Kb6** Hoping for ...a4-a3. **51.Kc4 Kxc6 52.Be6 Bd6 53.Kc3 a3 54.Bc4 Kb6 55.Be6 Kc6 56.Bc4 Kb6 57.Be6 Kc6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) / Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

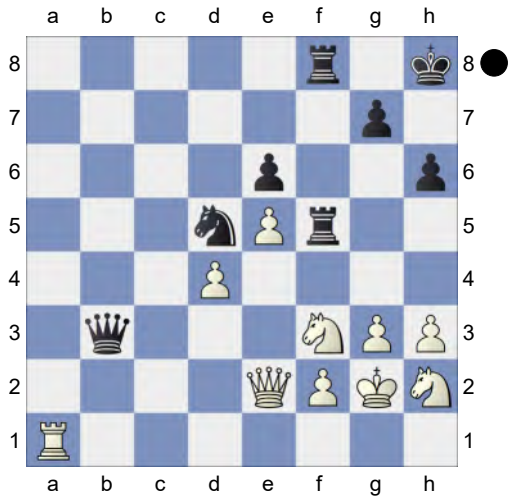
232 **C50**
□ **Giri,A.** **2748**
■ **Kasimdzhanov,R.** **2675**
FIDE World Rapid Team (5.3) 12.06.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 a6 7.a4 Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Be6N**
[9...Re8 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b4 d5 13.Qc2 d4 14.Bb2 Nh5 15.b5 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Nb3 Qd8 20.g3 Rh6 21.Kg2 Qg5 22.Rh1 Rd8 23.d4 Rg6 24.Kh2 0-1 Lunacek,J (2702)-Ferri,S (2732) Chicago op 19th 2010 (11)]
[9...Kh8 10.Re1 Ng8 11.Nf1 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Be3 Qf6 14.N1h2 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 Nge7 Italian Game-N, N 2018]
10.Bxe6! now scores much better than the old 10.Re1. punktet besser als das ältere 10.Te1. **10...fxe6 11.b4 Qd7 12.Ra2 Ne7 13.Nh2 Ng6 14.Ndf3 h6 15.Re1 Rf7 16.g3N**
[16.b5 Bb6 17.bxa6 Rxa6 18.Be3 -0.52/21 *(18.Qb3=* -0.13/19 *)* 18...Bxe3∓ 19.Rxe3 Rf8 20.Qb3 b6 21.Re1 Rfa8 22.Rea1 0-1 Caruana,F (2805)-Kovalev,V (2559) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st May Early blitz 2024 (8)]
16...Raf8 17.Kg2 Qe7 18.Be3 Bxe3 19.Rxe3 Kh7 20.Rb2 b5 21.Ra2 Qd7 22.Qb3 d5 23.axb5 axb5 24.Ra6 c6 25.Qc2 Nh5 1.35/21
[25...Qb7= 0.15/20 26.Qa2 Kg8]
26.d4!± Qc8 1.54/23
[⌓26...dxe4 1.12/20 27.Qxe4 Qc8]



27.Ra2 0.83/23
[⌓27.Ra3! 1.54/23]
27...exd4 28.cxd4 Nf6 29.e5 Ne4 30.Rxe4 -0.16/23
[30.Nf1!± 0.64/23]
30...dxe4= 31.Qxe4 Strongly threatening Nh4. **31...Qd7 32.Ra6 Rf5! 33.Qxc6 Qf7 34.Qe4 Kh8 35.Rb6**

Ne7 36.Rxb5 Nd5 37.Ra5 Qb7! 38.Qe2 Qxb4 39.Ra6 Qb3 Black has compensation. **40.Ra1** -0.91/23
[40.Rxe6? Nf4+ 41.gxf4 Qxe6-+]
[40.Ra2∓ -0.41/24]



40...Qb7 -0.39/24
[40...R5f7!∓ -0.91/23]
41.Ra3 Qf7 -0.11/24
[41...R5f7∓ -0.47/24]
42.Ra1 -0.60/25
[42.Qc2= -0.11/24]
42...Qg6 Threatens to win with ...Nf4+.
43.Kh1 -0.87/24
[White should play 43.Qc2!∓ -0.35/23]
43...Qf7 -0.01/24
[43...R5f7∓ -0.87/24]
44.Kg2 Qg6 0.01/24
[44...g5∓ -0.48/24]
45.Kh1 Qf7 0.01/24
[Black should play 45...Qe8∓ -0.58/23]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.20 (precise) **46.Kg2**
½-½

233 **C54**
□ **Praggnanandhaa,R..** **2747**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2743**
6th Prague Masters 2024 (7.1) 05.03.24
[Mon Hokmome]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4** Kitty Kat Kitty Kat **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.c3**
[RR 6.a4 a6 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 0-0 9.Qe1 Ne7 10.Nh4 Be6 11.Nd2 Qd7 12.Qg3 Bxc4 13.Nxc4 Qg4 14.Qe1 Qe6 15.b3 g6 16.a5 Kg7 17.Nf3 h6 18.Nh4 Neg8 19.h3 Rae8 20.Qb4 Qc8]
[RR 6.h3 h6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Na4 Bb6 9.Nxb6 axb6 10.Bd2 Ne7 11.Nh4 Be6 12.Bb3 Bxb3 13.axb3 Qd7 14.Qf3 Ng6 15.Rxa8 Rxa8 16.Nxg6 fxg6 17.Bxh6 gxh6 18.Qxf6 Qf7 19.Qxf7+ Kxf7 20.f4 exf4]
[RR 6.Nc3 a6 7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.Bxd5 0-0 9.h3 Ne7 10.Bb3 Ng6 11.Bg5 Qe8 12.c3 Ba7 13.Re1 Bd7 14.d4 h6 15.Be3 Qe7 16.Qd2 Bc6 17.Rad1 Qf6 18.Qc2 Rfe8 19.Bd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 e4]
[RR 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 h5 9.h4 Bg4 10.c3 Qd7 11.d4 exd4 12.e5 dxe5 13.Bxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qf5 15.Nxg4 hxg4 16.Bd3 Qd5 17.b4 0-0-0 18.c4 Qc6 19.bxc5 Rxh4 20.f3 Rdh8]
6...a6
[RR 6...0-0 7.Re1 a6 8.h3 h6 9.a4 Ba7 10.Nbd2
A) RR 10...Re8 11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.Ng3 d5 14.Qe2 a5 15.Nh4 Ne7 16.Nhf5 dxe4 17.dxe4 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 Qd7 19.Qf3 Rd8 20.Bxh6 Nxe4 21.Rxe4 gxh6 22.Qg4+ Rg6 23.Nxh6+ Kf8

24.Qxd7 Rxd7 25.Nf5;

B) RR 10...Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Ne7 13.Nf1 Ng6 14.N1h2 Rf7 15.g3 d5 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Qd6 18.Qb3 a5 19.bxa5 Nd7 20.d4 Raf8 21.Rd1 dxe4 22.Nxe5 Ndxe5 23.dxe5 Qc6 24.Qb5 Qxb5 25.axb5;

C) RR 10...Ne7 11.Bb3 *(RR 11.d4 Ng6 12.Bf1 c6 13.Qc2 Qc7 14.a5 Re8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Rad8 19.Ree1 Rd7 20.Ne3 Rdd8 21.Rab1 Nf4 22.b4 Bc8 23.Rb2 Ne6 24.Nd2 Ng5 25.h4 Ne6)* 11...Ng6 12.d4 Re8 13.Bc2 c6 14.Nf1 Qc7 15.Ng3 Be6 16.Be3 Rad8 17.Qc1 Bb8 18.a5 Rd7 19.Ra4 d5 20.dxe5 Nxe4 21.Bb6 Qc8 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.Raxe4 Bf5 24.R4e3 Bxc2 25.Qxc2;

D) 10...Qe7 11.b4 Be6 12.Rb1 Qd7 13.b5 Ne7 14.d4 Bxc4 15.Nxc4 exd4 16.cxd4 axb5 17.Rxb5 c6 18.Rb3 *(RR 18.Rb1)* 18...d5 19.Nfe5 Qd8 *(RR 19...Qc7 20.exd5 cxd5)* 20.exd5 cxd5 21.Ne3 Dominguez Perez,L (2741)-So,W (2751) Saint Louis USA 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (43)]

7.Re1N

[RR 7.Bb3 Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 h6 10.Re1 Re8 11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bc2 *(RR 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Nxe3 Bxb3 14.Qxb3 Qd7 15.a4)* 12...d5 13.exd5 Qxd5 14.Ng3 Rad8 15.b4 Bc8 16.a4 b5 17.Bd2 Qd6 18.axb5 axb5 19.Qe2 Bb6 20.Rad1 Qe6 21.Nh4 Qa2 Nigmatov,O (2447)-Jin,Y (2309) Doha QAT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (41)]

7...Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Nf1 Na5 10.Bb3 Nxb3 11.axb3 h6N

[11...Ng4 12.d4 *(12.Ne3 f5 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.h3 Nxe3 15.Bxe3 Bb8* #2 Italian Symmetrical-6. 0-0*; 12.Re2 f5* #3 Italian Symmetrical-6. 0-0*)* 12...exd4 13.Nxd4 Re8 14.h3 Ne5 15.Be3 d5 16.exd5 Qxd5 17.Qh5 c5 18.c4 Qd7 19.Nf3 Qf5 20.Qxf5 Bxf5 21.Nxe5 Rxe5 22.b4 Be6 #14 Italian Symmetrical-6. 0-0]

12.Ng3 Re8 13.h3 b5 14.b4 Bb7 15.Nh2 d5 16.Qf3 Re6 17.Nf5 Qf3-g3 is the strong threat. **17...Kh7 18.Qg3 Ne8 19.Ng4 dxe4 20.dxe4 Nd6! 21.Nxe5**

[21.Ngxh6 Rg6 22.Ng4 Nxe4-+]

21...Nxf5 0.97/24

[21...g5⩲ 0.37/24]

22.exf5± Chess con chili. **22...Rf6 23.Be3↑** White is really pushing. **23...Bxe3 24.Qxe3 Rxf5 25.Rad1! Qf6 26.f3! h5 27.Kh2 Bc6 28.Nxc6** 0x0.0015299270e2dp-1022s more active pieces. **28...Qxc6 29.Qe7 a5 30.bxa5 Rxa5 31.Re5 b4 32.Rxa5 Rxa5 33.Qxb4** Endgame KQR-KQR **33...Re5 34.Qf4 Qe6 35.Rd7 Rf5** 1.62/23

[35...Qxd7± 1.29/25 keeps fighting. 36.Qxe5 Kh6]

36.Qxc7+- Qe2 2.20/25

[⌓36...Qe1 1.66/24 37.Qg3 *(37.Rxf7 Rg5=)* 37...Qc1]

37.Re7 1.00/25

[37.Rxf7? Rg5 38.Qg3 Rxg3 39.Kxg3 h4+ 40.Kh2 Qxb2-+]

[37.f4+- 2.20/25]

37...Qd2 1.42/25

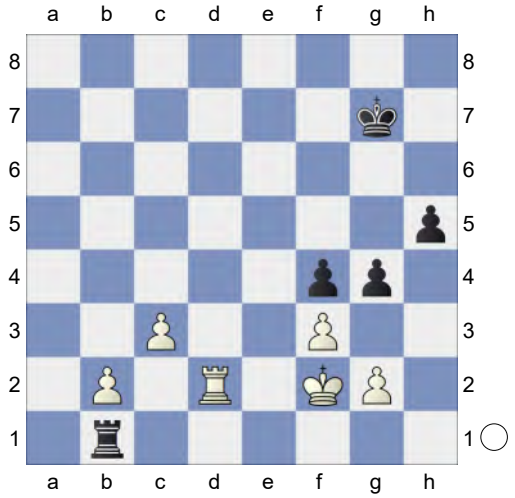
[Black should play 37...Qxb2 1.00/25 38.Re5 *(38.Rxf7? Rg5-+)* 38...Rxe5 39.Qxe5 g6]

38.h4 0.95/27

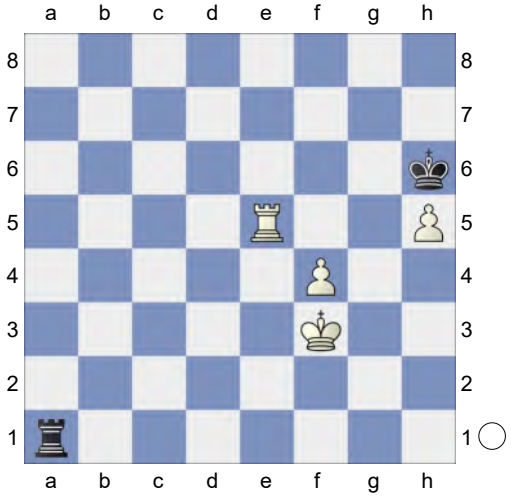
[Wrong is 38.Rxf7? Rg5 39.Qg3 Rxg3 40.Kxg3 Qd6+ 41.Kf2 Qb6+ 42.Kf1 Qxb2-+]

[⌓38.f4 1.42/25]

38...Rf4 39.Qe5 Rxh4+ 40.Kg3 Rh1 41.Qe4+
[Avoid the trap 41.Rxf7? h4+ 42.Kg4 Qxg2+ 43.Kf5 Qg6+ 44.Kf4 Qxf7+-+]
41...Kh6
[41...g6? 42.Rxf7+ Kh6 43.Qf4+ Qxf4+ 44.Kxf4+-]
42.Qf4+
[42.Rxf7 h4+ 43.Qxh4+ Rxh4 44.Kxh4 Qg5+ 45.Kh3 Qh5+ 46.Kg3 Qxf7-+]
42...Qxf4+ 43.Kxf4± KR-KR **43...g5+ 44.Kg3** 0.76/25
[White should try 44.Kf5 1.08/25]
44...f5 45.Re6+ Kg7 46.Kf2! Rb1 47.Re2 f4 48.Rd2 g4 1.27/26
[48...Kf6± 0.49/23]



49.g3! h4 50.gxh4 g3+ 51.Kg2 Rc1 Inhibits Rd2-c2. **52.Kh3** Hoping for Kh3-g4. **52...Rh1+ 53.Kg4 Rh2 54.Rd1 Rxb2 55.Kxf4** Black must now prevent Rd1-d7+. **55...g2 56.Rg1 Rc2 57.Kg4 Kh6 58.f4** 0.02/30
[58.Kh3± 0.92/29]
58...Kg6= 59.c4
[59.h5+ looks sharper. Kh6 60.Kh4 Re2 61.f5]
59...Rxc4 60.Rxg2 Rc1 61.h5+ Kh6 62.Re2 Rg1+ 63.Kf5 Ra1 64.Re8 Ra2 65.Kg4 White wants to play Re8-e6+.
65...Rg2+ 66.Kf3 Ra2 67.Re5 Ra1 68.Rb5 Ra2 69.Rc5 Ra1 70.Re5 Ra2 71.Kg4 Black should prevent Re5-e6+.
71...Rg2+! 72.Kf5 Rf2 73.Ke4 Ra2 74.Kf3 Ra1



75.Kg4 0.01/31
[75.Rg5!± 0.99/33]
75...Rg1+ 76.Kf5 Rf1 0.52/30
[76...Kxh5= 0.01/33 77.Kf6+ Kh6]
77.Re4 0.01/33
[77.Re3± 0.52/30]
77...Ra1 1.18/28
[77...Kxh5= 0.01/33 78.Kf6 Ra1]
78.Kf6 0.01/32
[Better is 78.Re3± 1.18/28]
78...Kxh5 The position is equal. **79.f5 Ra6+ 80.Re6 Ra7 81.Rd6 Kh6 82.Rb6 Kh5 83.Re6 Kh6 84.Re5 Kh5 85.Re7 Ra6+ 86.Kg7** And now f5-f6 would win. **86...Kg5** Prevents f5-f6. **87.Rf7 Rb6 88.f6 Ra6 89.Re7** aiming for f6-f7. **89...Rxf6 90.Re5+ Rf5 91.Rxf5+ Kxf5** Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) / Black=0.08 (flawless) Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /

Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½

234 **C50**
□ **So,Wesley** **2747**
■ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2739**
Tata Steel India Rapid (1.3) 13.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3N**
[6.a4 a6 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 0-0 9.Qe1 Ne7 10.Nh4 Be6 11.Nd2 Qd7 12.Qg3 Bxc4 13.Nxc4 Qg4 14.Qe1 Qe6 15.b3 g6 16.a5 Kg7 17.Nf3 h6 18.Nh4 Neg8 19.h3 Rae8 20.Qb4 Qc8 ½-½ Sevian,S (2698)-Lazavik,D (2553) Aimchess Rapid Div 2 W Chess.com INT 2023 (6.2)]
[6.h3 h6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Na4 Bb6 9.Nxb6 axb6 10.Bd2 Ne7 11.Nh4 Be6 12.Bb3 Bxb3 13.axb3 Qd7 14.Qf3 Ng6 15.Rxa8 Rxa8 16.Nxg6 fxg6 17.Bxh6 gxh6 18.Qxf6 Qf7 19.Qxf7+ Kxf7 20.f4 exf4 ½-½ Causil Pastrana,X (1564)-Martinez Serna,M (1621) Juegos Univers 31st (Women) op Pereira 2024 (4)]
[6.Nc3 a6 7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.Bxd5 0-0 9.h3 Ne7 10.Bb3 Ng6 11.Bg5 Qe8 12.c3 Ba7 13.Re1 Bd7 14.d4 h6 15.Be3 Qe7 16.Qd2 Bc6 17.Rad1 Qf6 18.Qc2 Rfe8 19.Bd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 e4 0-1 Orfila,A (1890)-Sprott, G (2110) 145/77 Biel 2020 (3)]
[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 h5 9.h4 Bg4 10.c3 Qd7 11.d4 exd4 12.e5 dxe5 13.Bxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qf5 15.Nxg4 hxg4 16.Bd3 Qd5 17.b4 0-0-0 18.c4 Qc6 19.bxc5 Rxh4 20.f3 Rdh8 9 Part Chapter-Games Part 5 Chapter 2 Game]
6...0-0 7.Re1 Bb6 8.h3 Prevents Nf6-g4 **8...h6 9.Nbd2 Ne7** White has an edge. **10.a4 a5 11.Ba2 c6 12.d4 Ng6 13.Qc2 Re8 14.Nf1 Be6 15.Bxe6 Rxe6 16.Ng3 Qc7 17.Be3 Rae8 18.Rad1 d5 19.dxe5 Nxe4 20.Bxb6 Qxb6 21.Nxe4 dxe4 22.Rxe4 Qc7 23.Rde1** With the idea Re1-e3. **23...Nxe5 24.Nd4 R6e7 25.Nf5 Re6 26.Qd1 Qd7 27.Nd4** 0.00/26
[27.b3± 0.36/22]
27...R6e7= 28.Nb3 Hoping for Qd1xd7. **28...Qc7 29.R1e3 b6 30.Nd4 Ng6 31.Qf3** Re4xe7 would now be deadly. **31...Rxe4 32.Rxe4 Rxe4 33.Qxe4** Endgame. KQN-KQN **33...Ne7 34.b4 Qd6 35.bxa5 bxa5 36.g3 g6 37.Kg2 Nd5 38.c4 Nf6 39.Qe3 Qc5 40.Qd3 Qd6** And now ...c6-c5 would win. **41.Qc3 Ne4 42.Qe3 f5 43.Nb3 Qb4 44.Qd3 Qxa4 45.Qd8+ Kf7 46.Qc7+ Kf8 47.Nxa5 Qc2?** 1.79/28
[47...c5= 0.00/30]
48.Qb8++-
[48.Qxc6? Qxf2+ 49.Kh1 Nxg3#]
48...Kf7 49.Qa7+
[49.Nxc6 Qxf2+ 50.Kh1 Nxg3+]
49...Ke6 50.Nxc6 Qxc4 51.Qe7+ Kd5 52.Qd7+ Kc5 ...Qc4-e2 is the strong threat. **53.Ne5** 0.16/27
[White should play 53.Ne7± 1.13/21]
53...Qe2? 4.10/21 Black is on the road to losing.
[53...Qd5= 0.16/27 54.Qxd5+ Kxd5 55.Nxg6 Ke6 56.Nf4+ Kf6]
54.Qc6+
[54.Nxg6? Qxf2+ 55.Kh1 Nxg3#]
54...Kb4 55.Qb6+
[55.Qxg6 Qxf2+ *(55...Nxf2 56.Qd6+ Kb3 57.Qb6+ Kc3 58.Qc5+ Kb3 59.Qd5+ Kc3 60.Qf3+ Qxf3+*

61.Nxf3±) 56.Kh1 Nxg3+]

55...Kc3 56.Nxg6 Nd2 57.Qa5+ Kc2 (→ ...Qe2-f1+) **58.Qxf5+ Kd1 59.Ne5 h5** 5.17/19

[⊿59...Qf1+ 3.59/18 60.Kh2 Qb5 61.Qg4+ Kc1]

60.h4 Qf1+ 61.Kh2 Qe2 62.Nd3? 0.08/31

[Only move: 62.g4!+- 6.34/24]

62...Nf1+? 5.24/25 **63.Kg1 Nd2 64.Kh2?** 0.09/27 **Nf1+?** 5.10/24

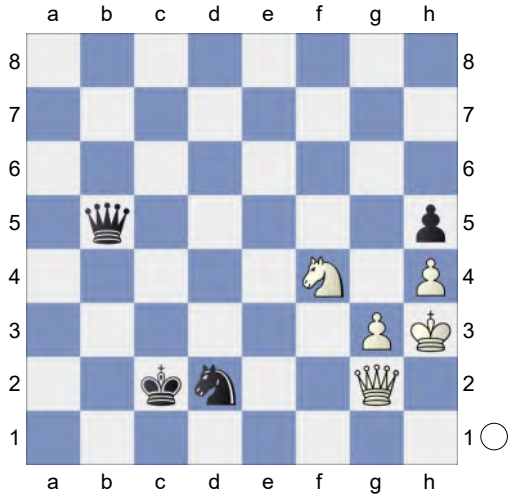
[64...Nf3+= 0.09/27 and Black has nothing to worry. and Black stays safe. 65.Kg2 Nd4 66.Nb2+ Deflection Qxb2 67.Qxh5+ Kc1 *(67...Kd2)*]

65.Kh3 Black must now prevent Nd3-f4.

65...Nd2 66.Qd5 Qf1+ 67.Kh2 Qe2 68.Kg1 Qf1+

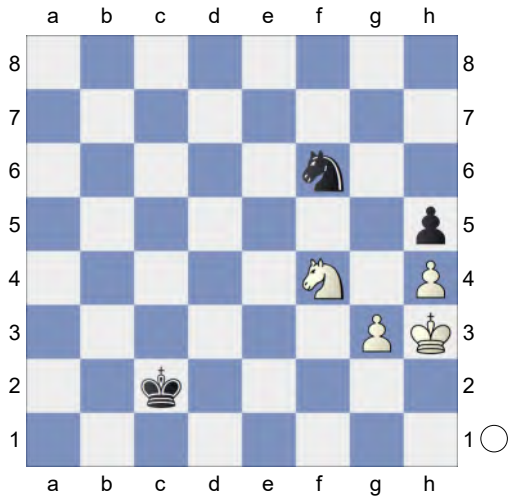
[68...Kc2 69.Nf4 *(69.Nb4+ Kc3=)* 69...Nf3+ 70.Kg2 Ne1+ 71.Kh1 Qf1+ 72.Kh2 Qxf2+ 73.Ng2]

69.Kh2 Qe2 70.Nf4 Qxf2+ 71.Kh3 Qf1+ 72.Qg2 Qb5 73.Qh1+ Kc2 74.Qd5 Repels Qb5-d7+ **74...Qf1+ 75.Qg2** aiming for Qg2xf1! **75...Qb5**



76.Qe2! Qxe2 77.Nxe2 KN-KN **77...Ne4 78.Nf4 Nf6** 9.79/29

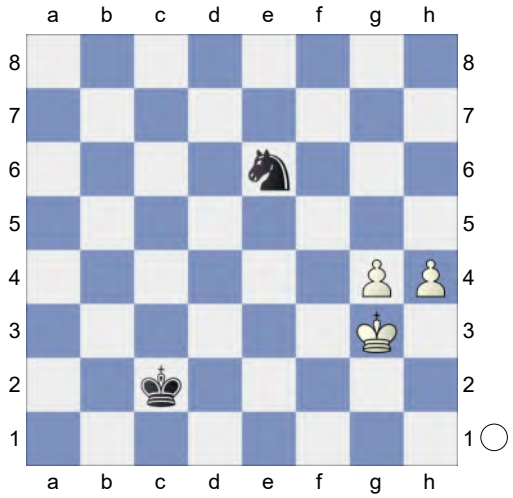
[⊿78...Kc3 5.19/23 79.Nxh5 Kd4]



79.Nxh5! Deflection **79...Nxh5** KN-KPP

[79...Ne8 80.Kg4]

80.g4 Nf4+ 81.Kg3 Ne6



82.h5! Kd3 83.h6 Nf8 84.Kf4 Threatening mate with g4-g5. **84...Kd4 85.g5** 22.99/22

[⊿85.Kf5 #51/26 Kc4 86.g5 Nd7 87.g6 *(87.h7 Nb6 88.g6 Nd5 89.g7 Kd4 90.h8Q Ne7+ 91.Kf6 Nd5+ 92.Kg5 Ke5)* 87...Kc5 88.g7 *(88.h7 Nf8 89.h8Q Nxg6 90.Qc3+ Kd5 91.Kxg6 Ke4 92.Kf6 Kd5)* 88...Nb8 89.h7 *(89.g8R Nc6 90.Rc8 Kd5 91.Rxc6 Kxc6 92.h7 Kd6 93.h8Q Kc5)* 89...Nc6 90.h8Q *(90.g8N Nd4+ 91.Kg6 Nf3+-)*]

85...Kd5 86.Kf5 White mates. **86...Kd6**

87.g6 Ke7 88.h7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.31
1-0

235 **C50**
□ **Karjakin,Sergey** **2747**
■ **Khismatullin,D.** **2594**
Region Group Cup 2022 rapid (6.3)
[Mon Hokmome]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4** Kitty Kat John Watson **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 a6 7.a4 Ba7 8.Re1 h6 9.Nbd2** The position is equal. **9...0-0 10.h3 Ne7**
[RR 10...Nh5 keeps more tension. 11.Nf1 Be6 *(11...Qf6 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Nxe3 Nf4 14.Kh2 Be6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Rf1 g5 17.Ng1 Rae8 18.b4 Ne7 19.b5 a5 20.b6 cxb6 21.Rb1 Nc8 22.Nc4 Qd8 23.g3 Ng6 24.Qb3 Qc7 25.Kg2)* 12.Bd5 Qf6]
11.d4 Ng6 12.Bd3N is recently more successful than 12.Bb3. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 12.Lb3. is recently more successful than 12.Bb3. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 12.Lb3. '!'
[12.Bb3 Re8 13.Bc2
A) 13...Bd7 14.a5 c6 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nc4 Qe7 17.Qd6 Qxd6 18.Nxd6 Re6 19.Rd1 Rb8 20.Kf1 Re7 21.Nc4 Rbe8 22.b3 Be6 23.Nb6 Bxb6 24.axb6 Rd7 25.Be3 Rc8 26.c4 Rxd1+ 27.Rxd1 c5 28.Ne1 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗c4 (2791)-Sudgen,J (2810) ICCF email 2017 Inf 43 [Pierce book p30-31] 1-0 (43);
B) 13...b5 14.b4 Bb7 15.Bb2 Qd7 16.c4 exd4 17.cxb5 d3 18.Bxd3 Nf4 19.Bf1 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Bxe4 21.bxa6 Qf5 22.Ra3 c5 23.Nh4 Qe6 24.b5 c4 25.Bd4 Bxd4 26.Qxd4 d5 27.Rg3 g5 28.f3 10.♗a3 b6 11.ba5 ♘h5_7469 (2773)-Wohl,R (2749) ICCF email 2017 Inf 43 [Dublin Evening Mail 15/2/1902; Harding] 1-0 (39);
C) 13...c6 14.Nf1 Qc7 15.Ng3 Be6 *(RR 15...c5)* 16.Be3 Rad8 17.Qc1 Bb8 18.a5
C1) RR 18...Qd7 19.dxe5 *(RR 19.Ra4)* 19...dxe5 20.Bb6 Bc7 21.Qe3 Nf4 22.Rad1 Qc8 23.Bxc7 Qxc7 24.b4 *(RR 24.Qc5)* 24...g6 *(RR 24...Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Rc8)* 25.Nf1 *(RR 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Rb1)* 25...Kg7 26.N1d2 *(RR 26.Qc5)* 26...c5 *(RR 26...Bxh3 27.gxh3 Nxh3+ 28.Kg2 Nf4+ 29.Kg1 Ng4)* 27.Qxc5 Qxc5 28.bxc5 Nd7 29.c6;
C2) 18...Rd7 19.Ra4 *(RR 19.Bxh6 gxh6 20.Qxh6)* 19...d5 *(RR 19...Qd8)* 20.dxe5 Nxe4 21.Bb6 Qc8 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.Raxe4 Bf5 24.R4e3 Bxc2 25.Qxc2 Rde7 Santos Latasa,J (2624)-Pranesh,M (2598) Timisoara 2024 Mega2024 Update 40 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (71);
D) 13...c5 14.Nf1 cxd4 15.cxd4 Be6 16.d5 Bd7 17.Ne3 Rc8 18.Bd2 Nf4 19.Rc1 Qb6 20.b3 Rc7 21.Rf1 Rec8 22.Nc4 Rxc4 23.bxc4 Rxc4 24.Be3 Rc5 25.Rb1 Qc7 26.Bxc5 Bxc5 8.♗g5 h6 9.♗h4_64683 (2292)-Gunnarsson,G (2021) Elista 2023 CT-2879 [John Watson] 0-1 (42)]
[RR 12.Bf1 c6 13.Qc2 Qc7 14.a5 Re8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nc4 Be6

17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Rad8 19.Ree1 Rd7 *(RR 19...Nh7 20.Ne3 Nf4 21.b4 Ng5 22.Nxg5 hxg5 23.Rad1 Re7 24.Rxd8+ Qxd8 25.Rd1 Rd7 26.Rxd7 Qxd7;* RR *19...Nh7 20.Ne3 Nf4 21.b4 Ng5 22.Nxg5 hxg5 23.Rad1 Re7 24.Rxd8+ Qxd8 25.Rd1 Rd7 26.Rxd7 Qxd7)* 20.Ne3 Rdd8 21.Rab1 Nf4 22.b4 Bc8 23.Rb2 Ne6 24.Nd2 Ng5 25.h4 Ne6 26.g3 Qe7 Stoll,J (2092)-Sokolow,J (2388) Moscow 2023 03 d5 and e6: model game [John Watson] ½-½ (88) Maldonado Gonzales,S (2092)-Nielsen,V (2388) Bassano del Grappa 2023 ½-½ (88)]

12...Nh5 13.Nf1 Nhf4N

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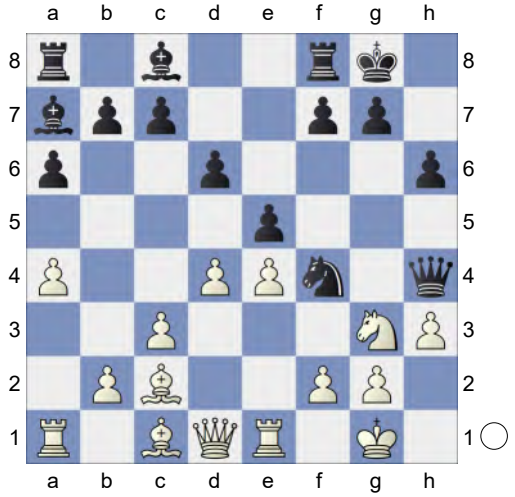


17.Bxf4 0.27/24 *(17.Nf5!± 0.95/23 Bxf5 18.exf5)* 17...Qxf4= 18.Re3 g6 19.Rf3 Qg5 ½-½ (100) Yao,L (2253)-Krstulovic,A (2262) Budapest 2017]

14.Ng3 Nxd3 15.Qxd3 Be6 16.Be3 f6 17.a5 Qe8 18.Ra3 Qb5 19.Qd2 Qe8 20.c4 Rd8 21.d5 Bxe3 22.fxe3 0.16/23

[22.Raxe3± 0.50/23 feels stronger. Bf7 23.Rb3]

22...Bc8 23.Nf5 Nh8 24.Qb4 Nf7 25.Rf1 g6 26.Ng3 Kg7 27.Rc3 c5 0.58/21

[27...Qe7= 0.10/21]

28.Qb6 Qe7 29.b4 cxb4 30.Qxb4 f5 1.09/22

[Black should try 30...Rd7± 0.40/22]

31.c5 0.66/25 0x0.001aefa1b165dp-1022s more active pieces.

[White should play 31.exf5± 1.09/22 gxf5 32.c5 dxc5 33.Qxc5]

31...dxc5± 32.Qxc5 Nd6 33.exf5 gxf5 1.18/26

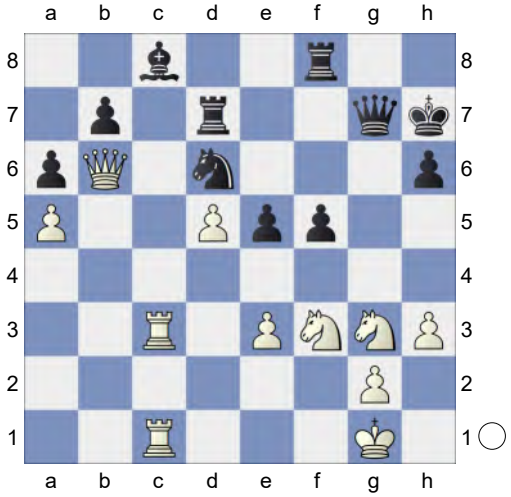
[⌓33...Bxf5 0.80/24 34.Rb3 Rfe8]

34.Qc7 Rd7 2.04/25

[34...Qxc7± 0.89/23 35.Rxc7+ Kf6]

35.Qb6+- Kh7 36.Rfc1 Qg7 2.64/26

[⌓36...Rg8 1.78/23]



37.Rc7! aiming for Rc7xd7. **37...Rff7** 6.08/27

[37...Nb5 1.74/25 38.Rxd7 *(38.Rxc8 Rxc8 39.Rxc8 Qxg3±)* 38...Bxd7]

[37...Ne8 38.Rxd7]

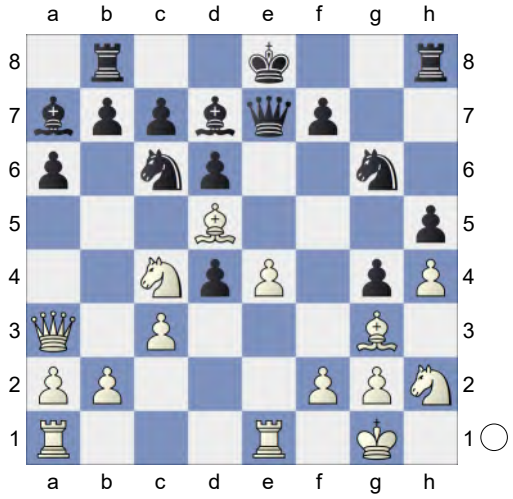
38.Nh5 White is clearly winning.

38...Qh8 39.Rxd7 Rxd7 40.Rc7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.39

1-0

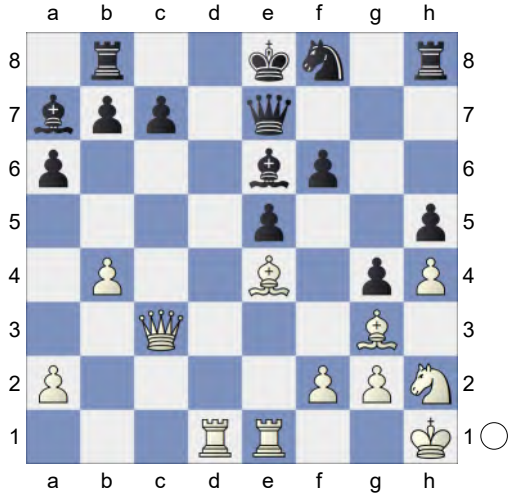
236 **C53**
□ **Giri,A.** **2746**
■ **Martinez Alcantara,Jose Eduardo**
Giri-Martinez ICC Match rapid (4)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...d6N
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3)]
6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 a6 8.0-0 Ba7 9.Nbd2 Qe7 10.Re1 -0.01/20
[10.a4± 0.35/20]
10...g5 11.Bg3 Nh7 0.29/21
[11...Bg4 -0.10/18]
12.Bd5 h5 13.h4 g4 14.Nh2 Nf8 15.Nc4 -0.54/24
[15.Bxc6+!= 0.22/22 bxc6 16.d4]
15...Ng6 -0.07/23
[15...Bd7∓ -0.54/24]
16.d4 -0.46/22 **Bd7!∓ 17.Qb3! Rb8** 0.15/20
[17...exd4 18.Qxb7 0-0 19.Bxc6+-]
[17...0-0-0 -0.28/23]
18.Qa3 exd4
[18...Nxh4? 19.dxe5 0-0 20.exd6 cxd6 21.Qxd6 Qxd6 22.Bxd6+-]
[18...0-0 simplifies 19.Rad1 Rbe8 20.dxe5 Ncxe5 21.Nxe5 dxe5 22.Qxe7 Rxe7 23.Nf1 Bc8]

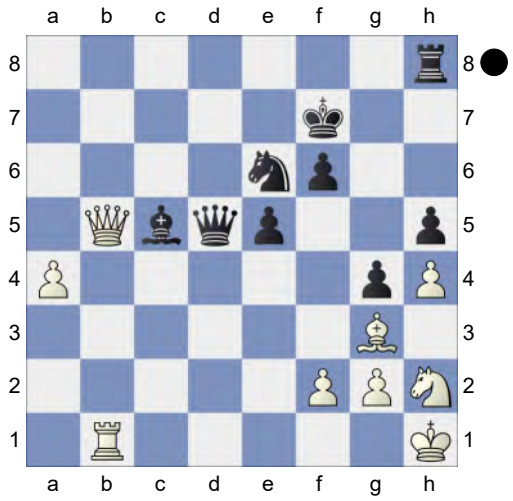


19.e5 -0.66/23 **Ncxe5** 0.13/19
[19...Ngxe5 20.Bxc6 bxc6 *(20...Bxc6? 21.Nxe5 Bb5 22.Nxf7+- Pin)* 21.Nxe5 *(21.Qxa6 Bb6+-)* 21...dxe5 22.Qxa6+- *(22.Rxe5 Be6+-)*]
[19...dxe5∓ -0.66/23 20.Bxc6 Bxc6 *(20...bxc6 21.Qxa6 Bb6 22.Nxe5±)* 21.Nxe5 Qxa3 *(21...Nxh4? 22.Nxc6 Pin 0-0 23.Nxe7++-)* 22.Nxg6+ *(22.Nxc6+ Kf8±)* 22...Kd8 23.bxa3 fxg6 24.cxd4 Kd7 *(24...Bxd4? 25.Rad1+-)*]

20.cxd4= Bxd4 21.Rad1 Bc5 1.12/21
[21...Ba7= -0.01/20]
22.Qc3!± f6
[22...Nxh4? 23.Nxe5 *(23.Bxe5 dxe5 24.Rxe5* Pin *0-0+-* Decoy *)* 23...dxe5 24.Rxe5+- *(24.Bxh4 f6+-)*]
23.b4 0.56/20
[23.Be4+- 1.89/23 Be6 24.Nf1]
23...Ba7± 24.Nxe5 -0.01/22
[24.Be4!± 0.55/20 Kf7 25.Qc2]
24...dxe5= 25.Kh1 -1.04/22
[25.Qxc7 Kf8 26.Nf1 *(26.Bxb7? Ba4-+)* 26...Kg7∓]
[25.Be4!= -0.01/20 Kf7 26.Bxg6+ *(26.Qxc7 Rhd8∓)* 26...Kxg6 27.Bxe5 fxe5 28.Rxe5]
25...Be6∓ 26.Be4 Nf8 0.01/21
[26...f5!∓ -1.41/22 27.Bb1 *(27.Bxe5 0-0∓)* 27...0-0 *(27...Nxh4? 28.Qxe5 Rh6 29.Qf4+-)*]



27.Bxb7 -2.14/23 **Kf7-+ 28.Bxa6 Qxb4** -0.14/20
[28...Rxb4 29.Rc1∓]
[28...Bd4-+ -2.26/21 29.Rxd4 exd4 30.Qxd4 Qxb4 *(30...Rxb4 31.Qe3∓)*]
29.Qxc7+= Qe7 30.Qc2 Rd8 1.15/24
[30...Qc5= 0.10/21 31.Qe2 Rb4]
31.Rxd8± Qxd8 32.Rd1 0.01/23
[32.Rb1!± 1.10/24 Rb7+ is the strong threat. Bd5 33.Bb7]
32...Qe7 0.46/22
[32...Bd4= 0.01/23]
33.Rb1 0.08/23
[33.Nf1± 0.46/22 might be stronger.]
33...Bd5? 1.75/23
[33...Nd7= 0.08/23 and Black stays safe.]
34.Qd3? 0.03/21
[White must play 34.Rb5!+- 1.75/23 Qd6 35.Rxd5 Qxa6 *(35...Qxd5? 36.Bc4+-* Pin *)* 36.a4 *(36.Qc7+ Kg6±)*]
34...Bd4!= 35.a4 -0.69/23
[35.f4= 0.17/24]
35...Ne6!∓ 36.Bc4 Qc5 0.07/20
[36...Bxc4∓ -0.53/25 37.Qxc4 f5]
37.Bxd5= Qxd5 38.Qa6? -1.60/22
[38.Qc2!= -0.01/21]
38...Bc5 -0.72/24
[⌓38...f5! -1.60/22 39.f3 Rg8 40.fxg4 hxg4]
39.Qb5 -1.45/22
[39.Nf1 -0.72/24]



39...Ra8 -0.85/23
[39...Rd8! -1.45/22 40.Nf1 f5]
40.a5 Kg6 -0.14/23 Black is more active.
[40...Nd4 41.Qd3 Kg7 *(41...Rxa5?*

42.Qh7+ Ke6 43.Qg8+ Kd6 44.Qd8+ Ke6 45.Qxa5+-; 41...e4 42.Qd2±) 42.Nf1∓ *(42.a6 e4∓)*]
[Black should try 40...Rd8∓ -0.90/22 41.Qb2 Ra8]

41.a6 -0.79/24
[41.Nf1= -0.14/23 remains equal.]

41...Nc7 42.Qe2 Rxa6
[42...Nxa6?! 43.Rd1 Bd4 44.Qc2+ f5 45.Bxe5=]

43.f3? -3.18/25
[White should try 43.Qc2+!∓ -0.61/24 Kg7 44.Qf5]

43...Ra2-+ White is weak on the dark squares **44.Qf1 f5 45.fxg4 hxg4?** -0.76/22
[45...fxg4-+ -3.10/25 has better winning chances. And now ...Ne6 would win. 46.Rd1 Bd4 47.Qd3+ *(47.Rxd4? exd4 48.Bxc7 d3-+)* 47...Kf6 48.Bxe5+ Remove Defender Qxe5 *(48...Kxe5? 49.Qg3+ Kf5 50.Nf1-+)* 49.Qxd4 Qxd4 Remove Defender 50.Rxd4 Ra1+ 51.Nf1 Rxf1+ 52.Kh2 Ke5]

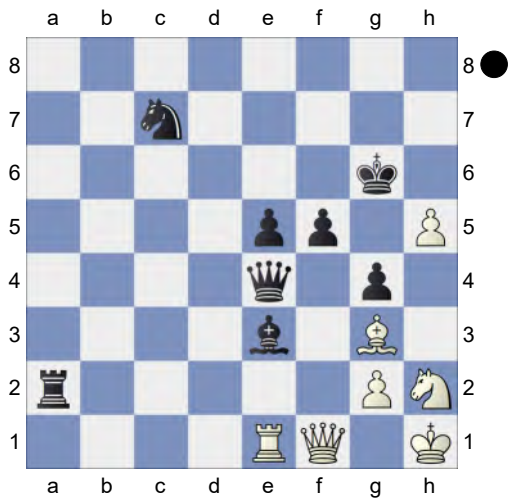
46.Rd1? -4.45/23
[46.h5+∓ -0.76/22 Kg5 *(46...Kxh5 47.Qxf5+ Kh6 48.Nxg4+ Kg7 49.Qf6+ Kh7 50.Qh6+ Kg8 51.Qg6+ Kh8 52.Rb8+)* 47.h6 Decoy]

46...Qe4 -1.91/24
[⌂46...Bd4 -4.45/23 47.h5+ Kg5 *(47...Kxh5? 48.Qxf5+ Kh6 49.Nxg4+ Kg7 50.Qg5+ Kf7 51.Rf1+ Ke6 52.Qg6+ Kd7 53.Nf6+ Kd6 54.Nxd5++-)*]

47.Re1? -5.49/23
[47.h5+ -1.91/24 is a better chance. Kg5 *(47...Kxh5? 48.Re1+-)* 48.h6]

47...Be3 48.h5+

(Diagram)



Kg5!
[48...Kxh5? 49.Rxe3 Qxe3 50.Qxf5+ Qg5 51.Qh7+ *(51.Qxe5?* is the wrong capture. *Qxe5 52.Bxe5 Nd5-+)* 51...Qh6 52.Qf7+ *(52.Qxc7* leads to mate. *Ra1+)* 52...Qg6 53.Qxa2+-]

49.Rd1 Nd5 50.Qe1 Both players deserved the win here. Weighted Error Value: White=0.90/Black=0.63

50...Qxg2#

0-1

237 **C50**
□ **So,W.** **2745**
■ **Gukesh,D.** **2776**
Saint Louis Rapid 2025 (8.1) 13.08.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 a6 7.Re1 0-0 8.h3** Dodges Ng4 **8...Ba7 9.a4** White has an edge. **9...h6**
[9...b5 10.Bb3 b4 11.a5 Rb8 12.Nbd2 Be6 13.Bc2 h6 14.Nf1 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Bd2 b3 17.Bb1 Qd6 18.Qe2 Rbe8 19.Ra3 f5 20.Nxe5 Bd7 21.d4 Nxd4 22.cxd4

Bxd4 23.Rxb3 Rxe5 24.Qc4 ½-½ 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 ♘c6 (2791)-C 06/30 (2809) cr AR ch 1984 (5.1)]

10.Nbd2 Re8 11.b4N

[11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bxe6 *(12.Bb3 Qd7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 d5 15.Qc2 dxe4 16.Bxe6 Qxe6 17.dxe4 Rad8 18.Rad1 Ne7 19.Rd3 Ng6 20.c4 Rxd3 21.Qxd3 Nf4 22.Qb3 Nxe4 23.Nd5 Nc5 24.Qa3 Ncd3 25.Nxf4 Nxf4 26.Rxe5 Qd7* ½-½ Pedmanson,A (1939)-Jodorcovsky,A (2053) World ol U16 2023 (5.16)*)* 12...Rxe6 13.Ng3 d5 14.Qe2 a5 15.Nh4 Ne7 16.Nhf5 dxe4 17.dxe4 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 Qd7 19.Qf3 Rd8 20.Bxh6 Nxe4 21.Rxe4 gxh6 22.Qg4+ Rg6 23.Nxh6+ Kf8 24.Qxd7 Rxd7 25.Nf5 Rd2 1-0 Brady,T (2620)-Martin Barcelo,C (2038) Uxbridge 108/(288) 2009 (1.23) 26.Rf1 Rxb2 27.Rxe5 Bb6 28.Re4 Rd2 29.g4 Rd3 30.Rfe1 Rd8 31.h4 Rf6 32.Kg2 Kg8 33.Re8+ Rxe8 34.Rxe8+ Kh7 35.h5 Re6 36.Rf8 f6 37.Rf7+ Kg8 38.Rg7+ Kh8 39.h6 1-0 Adly,A (2620)-Alharari,M (2038) 43rd Olympiad 2018 Open (1.23)]

11...Qe7 12.Rb1 Be6 13.b5 axb5 14.Rxb5 Nd7 15.Qc2

[15.Rxb7 Bb6 16.Bxe6 fxe6∓ *(16...Qxe6 17.Nc4=)*]

15...Bb6 16.Bxe6 Qxe6 17.Nc4 Ra6 18.Nxb6 cxb6 0.48/22

[18...Rxb6= 0.12/22 is superior. 19.Be3 Rxb5 20.axb5 Ne7]

19.Be3± Rea8 20.Ra1 Ne7 21.Rab1 -0.01/21

[21.d4± 0.48/21]

21...Rxa4= 22.Bxb6 Nxb6 23.Rxb6 Ng6 24.Rxb7 Nf4 25.Kh2 Ra2 26.R7b2 Rxb2 27.Rxb2 Ra1 28.Nh4 g6 29.Nf3 Kg7 30.Ng1 Qc8! 31.g3⇄ White has counterplay **31...Ne6 32.Nf3 Qa6 33.Qe2 Qa3**

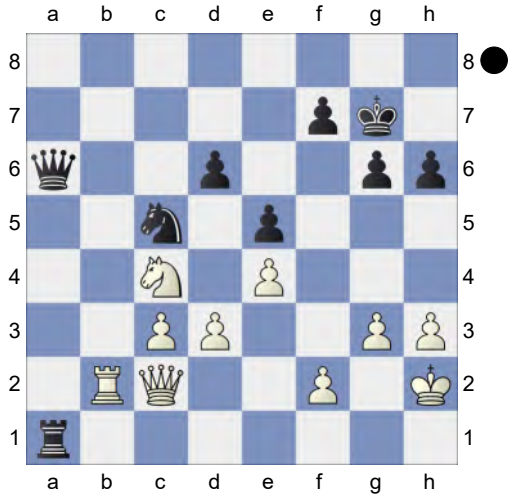
[33...Ra3 34.Rc2 Nc5 35.d4 Qxe2 36.Rxe2 exd4 37.Nxd4 Rxc3 38.Nb5 Rd3]

34.Qc2! Nc5 ...Nxd3! is the strong threat. **35.Nd2! Qa6**

[35...Re1 simplifies 36.Kg2 Qa6 37.Ra2 Qxd3 38.Qxd3 Nxd3 39.Nc4 Rd1]

36.Nc4 -1.13/28

[36.Nb3= -0.01/26 Nxb3 37.Rxb3]

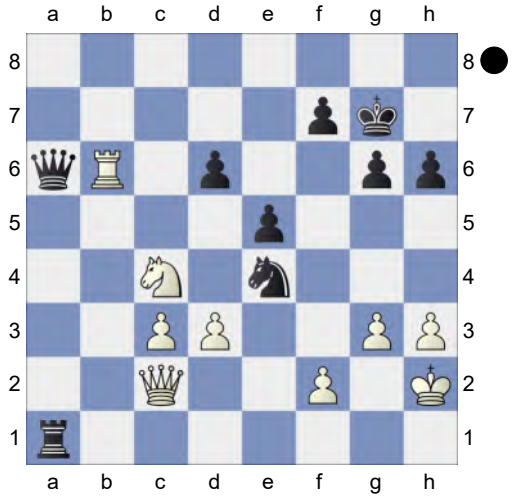


36...Nxe4!∓ Deflection. Black is more active. **37.Rb6** -1.87/29

[37.Rb1∓ -1.03/24 Rxb1 38.Qxb1]

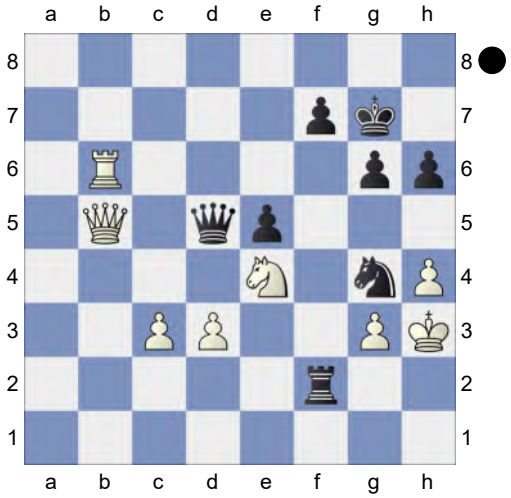
[37.h4 Nxc3]

(Diagram)



37...Qc8!-+ This move loses the game for White. **38.h4** -4.42/27 Prevents Ng5
[38.dxe4∓ -1.44/27 was necessary. Qxc4 39.Rb1 *(39.Rxd6? Qf1-+)* 39...Rxb1 40.Qxb1]
38...Nf6? -1.64/26
[38...Re1 -4.42/27 (→ ...Ng5!) 39.Nxe5 dxe5 *(39...Qxc3 40.Qxc3 Nxc3 41.Nc4=)* 40.dxe4 Qc4]
39.Nxd6? -5.55/29
[39.Rxd6 leads to mate. Qb7]
[39.Rb1 -1.64/26 Ng4+ 40.Kg2 Rxb1 41.Qxb1]
39...Qc5 40.Qb2 Ng4+ 41.Kg2 Qd5+ 42.Ne4 Ra2 Deflection **43.Qb5** -9.30/27
[Not 43.Rb5? Rxb2 *(43...Qxd3 44.Qxa2 Qxe4+ 45.Kg1=; 43...Ne3+? 44.fxe3 Rxb2+ 45.Rxb2-+)* 44.Rxd5 Ne3+ 45.Kf3 Nxd5]
[⌓43.Qb1 -4.39/25 Nxf2 *(43...Rxf2+? 44.Kg1-+)* 44.c4]
43...Rxf2+ 44.Kh3

(Diagram)



h5! 45.Rxg6+
[45.Qb2 Rxb2]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/ Black=0.14 (very precise) **45...fxg6**
0-1

238 **C50**
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2745**
■ **So,Wesley** **2760**
Superbet Blitz 2023 (5.3) 24.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4** John Watson Marchand,A/Primel,D **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.Nc3**
[5.d3 h6 6.c3 d6 7.Nbd2 a5 8.Re1 0-0 9.Nf1 Ba7 10.Ng3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Rxe3 a4 14.d4 Qe8 15.Qd3 1-0 Aronian,L (2785)-So,W (2778) Chess.com Rapid Wk5 KO 2022 (2.1)]
5...d6 6.Na4 Bb6 7.d3 Na5
7...h6 is a critical line. 7...h6 ist die kritische Fortsetzung.
[RR 7...0-0 8.c3 Ne7 9.Re1 Ng6 10.Nxb6 axb6 11.Bb3 Re8 12.Bd2 h6 13.a4 Bd7 14.h3 Bc6 15.Bc2 d5

16.b4 dxe4 17.dxe4 Bd7 18.Be3 Be6 19.Nd2 Qe7 20.Qe2 Red8 21.Red1 Nd7 22.Qf3]

8.Bb3 White is slightly better. **8...h6 9.c3N**

[Vorgänger: 9.h3 Nxb3 10.Nxb6 -0.41/22 *(10.axb3=* 0.26/22 *Ba5 11.Nc3)* 10...axb6∓ 11.cxb3 0-0 12.b4 Re8 13.b3 -0.60/19 *(13.Bd2=* -0.17/21 *)* 13...Nh7 14.d4 exd4 15.Qxd4 0-1 Lugovskoy,M (2443)-Zakaryan,D (2407) South FR-ch Maikop 2018 (9)]

9...Nxb3 10.axb3 Bg4N

[RR 10...Bd7 11.Nxb6 axb6

A) RR 12.Rxa8 Qxa8 13.Nh4 g5 14.Qf3 Ke7 15.Nf5+ Bxf5 16.exf5 *(*RR *16.Qxf5 Qc8)* 16...Qc8 17.h3 Rg8 18.Bd2 h5 19.g4 Qd7 20.c4 Qc6 21.Qg3 b5 22.Be3 h4 23.Qg2 Beliavsky,A (2619)-Inarkiev,E (2674) Aix les Bains 2011 CBM 142 Extra [Marchand,A/Primel,D] ½-½ (58) Qxg2+ 24.Kxg2 bxc4 25.bxc4 c5 26.b4 b6 Beliavsky,A (2619) -Inarkiev,E (2674) EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains 2011 (10) 1/2-1/2;

B) 12.Be3 0-0 13.h3 Re8 14.Qc2 Bc6 15.b4 Rxa1 16.Rxa1 d5 17.Nd2 Qd7 18.Re1 Rd8 19.f3 dxe4 20.dxe4 Qe6 21.Nf1 Ne8 22.Rd1 Ra8 23.Ng3 Ba4 24.Qc1 Bxd1 25.Qxd1 8.Bh4 g6 9.f4 e5 (2603)-Behrmann (2553) Baku op 2010 (2.19) 0-1 8.Bh4 g6 9.f4 e5 (2603)-Behrmann (2553) Baku op 2010 (2.19) 0-1 Sadhwani,R (2603)-Lazavik,D (2553) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (50) 8. ♗h4 g6 9.f4 e5 (2603)-Behrmann (2553) Baku 2023 Steinitz/Chigorin [John Watson] 0-1 (50) Nd6 26.b3 f6 27.c4 Rd8 28.Qc2 Nf7 29.Nf5 Kh7 30.h4 g6 31.Ng3 Qd7 32.Qf2 h5 33.Kh2 Qd3 34.f4 Nh6 35.Nf1 Ng4+ 36.Kg3 Qxe4 37.fxe5 Rd3 38.exf6 Nxe3 39.Nxe3 Qxe3+ 40.Qf3 Sadhwani,R (2603)-Lazavik,D (2553) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2. 19) 0-1]

11.h3 Bh5 12.g4 aiming for Na4xb6! aiming for Na4xb6! **12...Bg6 13.Nxb6 axb6 14.Rxa8 Qxa8 15.Nh2** -0.24/19

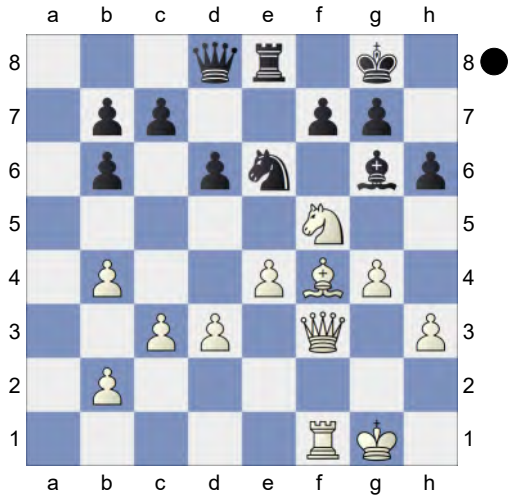
[Better is Better is 15.Nh4 0.30/19]

15...0-0 16.f4 exf4 17.Bxf4 Nd7 -0.02/20

[17...Qa2∓ -0.43/22 should be considered. should be considered. 18.h4 Qxb2]

18.Nf3= Re8 19.Nd4 Qd8 20.Nf5 Nc5 21.b4 Ne6 22.Qf3 -0.54/22

[22.Bg3= 0.01/22]



22...d5 -0.11/21 **23.exd5** -0.85/21

[23.e5= -0.11/21 keeps the balance. keeps the balance.]

23...Nxf4∓ 24.Qxf4 Qxd5 25.d4 c6 26.Ng3 Qb3 Black is more active. Black is more active. **27.Qd2 b5 28.h4** -0.85/23

[28.Kh2= -0.24/22]

28...f6 -0.15/24
[28...Qe6∓ -0.85/23 29.Qf4 Qe7]
29.Kh2= Bf7 30.Rf2 Qe6 31.Qf4 Qd5 32.Nf5
[32.h5 simplifies simplifies Qg5 33.Qxg5 fxg5 34.Kh3]
32...Re4 33.Qb8+ -0.54/23
[White should try White should try 33.Qf3!= -0.01/25]
33...Kh7∓ 34.Qg3 Re1 -0.40/24
[34...Bg6∓ -0.77/24 35.h5 Be8 *(35...Bxf5 36.Rxf5 Qc4 37.Rf2∓)*]
35.Rg2 -1.71/25
[35.Qf3!∓ -0.40/24]
35...Re4?→ -0.01/23 Black mounts an attack. Black mounts an attack.
[35...Qe4-+ -1.71/25 36.g5 fxg5 37.hxg5 Bd5 38.g6+ Kh8 39.Qb8+ Bg8]
36.Qc7
[36.Nd6 simplifies simplifies Re7 37.g5 fxg5 38.hxg5 Qxg5 39.Qxg5 hxg5 40.Rxg5 Bd5 41.Re5]
36...Qe6 Threatens to win with ...h6-h5. Threatens to win with ...h6-h5.
[36...h5!? 37.Nd6□ *(37.Qxb7?* perishes. perishes. *g6-+)* 37...Re3 38.Nxf7 Qe4 39.Ng5+ *(39.gxh5?* gets mated. gets mated. *Qxh4+ 40.Kg1 Re1#)* 39...fxg5-+]
37.Qxb7? -2.88/26
[37.Nd6!= -0.01/25 Rxg4 38.Rxg4 Qxg4 39.Nxf7]
37...h5 -1.53/28
[Black should play Black should play 37...g6-+ -2.88/26 38.Ng3 Rxg4]
38.Qc7∓ hxg4 39.Nd6 -#8/18
[39.Rf2-+ -1.90/27]

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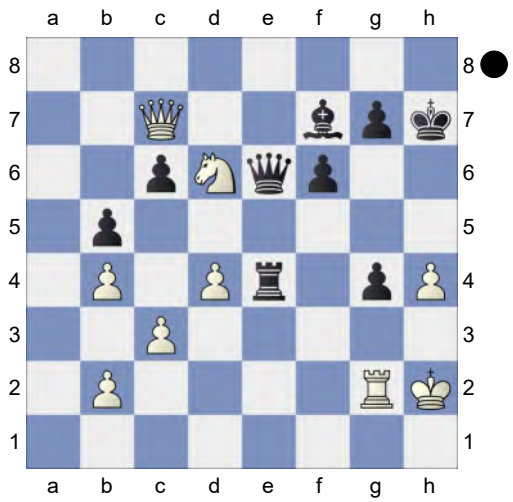
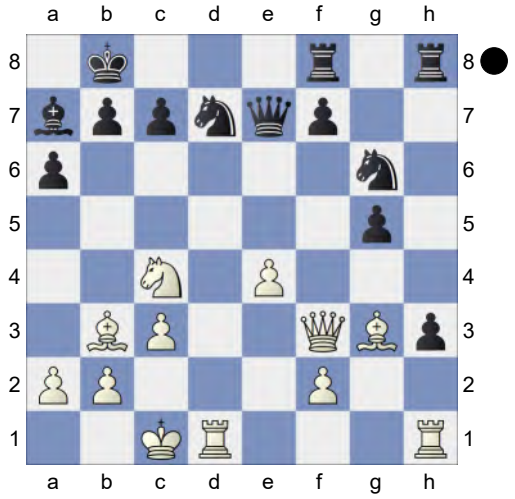


39...g3+! Discovered Attack Discovered Attack **40.Rxg3 Rxh4+ 41.Kg2 Qe2+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/Black=0.28 (precise) Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/Black=0.28 (precise)
0-1

239 **C53**
□ **So,W.** **2745**
■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2729**
Saint Louis Blitz 2025 (17.1) 15.08.2025
[Kitty Kat]

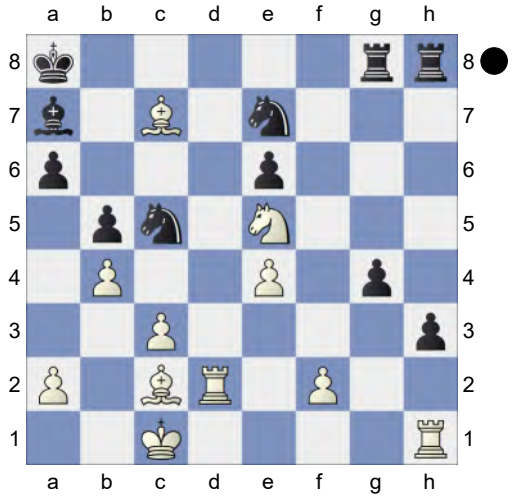
C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 a6 8.h3** -0.52/22
[8.Nbd2= 0.23/19]
8...Ba7N
[8...Qe7 9.Bb3 Ba7 10.Nbd2 Bd7 11.Qe2 0-0-0 12.0-0-0 g5 13.Bg3 Be6 14.c4 Nd4 15.Nxd4 Bxd4 16.Nf3 c5 17.Qd2 Qc7 18.Rhf1 Nd7 19.Kb1 Nb8 20.Rc1 Nc6 21.Ba4 Bd7 22.Ne1 a5 23.Nc2 0-1 Suchitraa,V (1114)-Anoud,E (1388) Sharjah Cup (Women) 12th 2022 (7)]
9.Bb3 g5 10.Bg3 Black is better.

10...Ne7 -0.06/20
[10...Nh5∓ -0.77/20]
11.Nbd2= Ng6! 12.Bh2 -0.59/21
[Better is 12.Qc2= 0.00/20]
12...Qe7 13.Qe2 -0.74/21
[13.Nf1!∓ -0.31/19 deserves consideration.]
13...Bd7∓ 14.g4 0-0-0 15.0-0-0 Kb8 16.Bg3 -1.77/21
[16.Ne1∓ -0.98/20]
16...Rdf8!-+ 17.d4 h5! 18.dxe5 dxe5 19.Nc4 hxg4 20.Nfxe5 gxh3
White must now prevent ...Bc8.
21.Nxd7+ Nxd7 22.Qf3 -2.08/22
[⊿22.Na5 -1.70/23 Nf4 23.Bxf4 gxf4 24.Qf3]



22...Nc5! 23.Bc2 Qe6 24.Rd5 g4 25.Bxc7+ -3.43/23
[25.Qf5 -1.97/22 is the only way for White. Ne7 26.Qxe6 Nxe6 27.Rd7]
25...Ka8
[25...Kxc7 26.Qg3+ Kc8 27.Nd6+ Kd7 28.Nxf7+ Kc8 29.Nd6+ Kb8 30.Ne8+ Rf4 31.Rd8+±]
26.Qf5 Ne7 Excellent horsemanship.
27.Qxe6 fxe6 -0.87/24
[27...Nxe6-+ -3.46/24 28.Bd6 Nxd5 29.exd5 Ng7 *(29...Ng5? 30.Bxf8 Bxf2 31.Bd6-+)* 30.Bxf8 Rxf8]

28.Rd2∓ b5↑ Black is on the roll.
29.Ne5 Rfg8 30.b4 -1.82/23
[30.Nd7!∓ -0.57/21]



30...Na4!-+ 31.Nf7? -3.27/21
[31.Bxa4∓ -1.44/21 was called for. bxa4 32.Nd7]
31...Rh7 32.e5 Rxf7 33.Be4+ Nd5 34.Rxd5
[34.Bxd5+? exd5 35.Bd6 Rxf2 36.Rxf2 Bxf2-+]
34...Kb7?? 8.04/23
[34...Be3+-+ -4.76/26 35.fxe3 Ka7]
35.Rd7++- Discovered Attack (Check). White is clearly winning.
[35.Rxb5+? too greedy. Kc8 36.Ra5 Nxc3 37.Rxa6 Nxe4-+ *(37...Rxc7? 38.Bc6-+)*]
35...Kc8 36.Rxf7 Nxc3 37.Bh7 Rh8 38.Bd6 Bxf2 39.Rxf2 g3 40.Rxh3 gxf2 41.Rxc3+ Kd8

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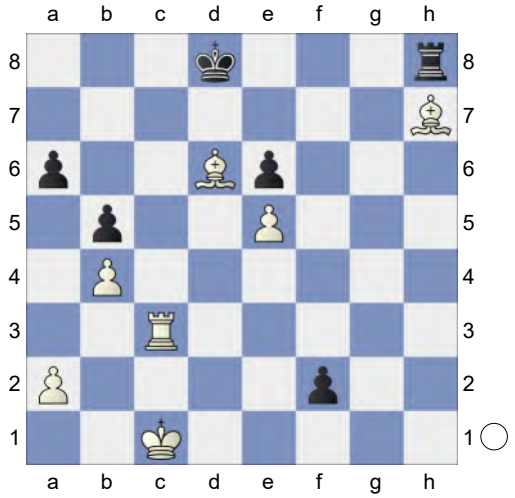


42.Rf3! Rxh7
[42...f1Q+ 43.Rxf1]
43.Rxf2 Kd7 44.Rc2 Rc7+ is the strong threat. **44...Rh3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/Black=0.46 **45.Kb2**
1-0

240 **C50**
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2745**
■ **Hakobyan,Aram** **2620**
American Cup Blitz 2023 (2.2) 26.03.23
[Mon Hokmome]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4** Kitty Kat Kitty Kat John Watson **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Na4 Bb6 7.d3 h6 8.a3** The position is equal.
[RR 8.c3 Na5 *(8...0-0 9.Nxb6 axb6 10.Re1 Bg4 11.Bb3 Qd7 12.h3 Bh5 13.Kh1 Kh8 14.Qe2 g5 15.Qe3 Bg6 16.Nh2 Kg7 17.Bc2 b5 18.Bd2 d5 19.Red1 d4 20.Qe1 Nh5 21.a4 dxc3 22.bxc3 b4)* 9.Bb3 Nxb3 10.axb3 Bd7 11.Nxb6 axb6 12.Be3 0-0 13.h3 Re8 14.Qc2 Bc6 15.b4 Rxa1 16.Rxa1 d5 17.Nd2 Qd7 18.Re1 Rd8 19.f3 dxe4 20.dxe4 Qe6 21.Nf1 Ne8 22.Rd1 Ra8 8.♗h4 g6 9.f4 e5 (2603)-Behrmann (2553) Baku 2023 Steinitz/Chigorin [John Watson] 0-1 (50)]
8...0-0
[RR 8...Bg4 9.c3
A) RR 9...0-0 10.b4 d5 *(RR 10...Qd7)* 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Re1 *(RR 12.h3 Bh5 13.Re1)* 12...Qd6 13.h3 Bh5 14.g4 *(RR 14.Bxd5 Qxd5 15.c4)* 14...Bg6 15.b5 *(RR 15.Bxd5 Qxd5 16.c4 Qxd3 17.Qxd3 Bxd3 18.c5)* 15...Na5 16.Rxe5;
B) RR 9...Na5 10.Nxb6 axb6 11.Ba2 0-0 12.h3 Bh5 13.g4 Nxg4 14.hxg4 Bxg4 15.d4 Qf6 16.Kg2 Nc6 17.Qd3 exd4 18.Nh2 Bh5 19.Bd2 Qg6+ 20.Kh1 Ne5 21.Qg3 Qxe4+ 22.f3 Qc2 23.cxd4 Ng6 24.Bc3;
C) 9...Qc8 10.Nxb6 axb6 11.Bb3 Ne7 12.h3 Be6 *(RR 12...Bh5)* 13.Ba4+ *(RR 13.Bc2)*
C1) RR 13...b5 14.Bc2 *(RR 14.Bxb5+ c6)* 14...Ng6;
C2) 13...Bd7 14.Bc2 Ng6 15.Nh2 0-0 16.f4 exf4 17.Bxf4 Nxf4 18.Rxf4 Qd8 19.d4 Ra5 20.Qd3 d5 *(RR 20...Re8)* 21.exd5 *(RR 21.e5 Ne4)* 21...g6 22.c4 b5 23.Raf1 Rapport,R (2719)-Carlsen,M (2830) Karlsruhe 2024 Mega2024 Update 22 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (79) RR bxc4 24.Qf3 Bf5 25.Bxf5 Nxd5 26.Rg4]
9.h3 9.h3 is the recent fashion. 9.h3 ist aktuell in Mode. **9...Re8**
[RR 9...Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.b4 Qe8 12.c3 Nh5 13.Ra2 Rd8 *(RR 13...Qg6 14.Nh4 Qf7 15.Nf3 Qg6 16.Nh4 Qf7 17.Nf3 Qg6)* 14.Rd2 Rf6 15.Kh2 Qf7 16.Nxb6 axb6

17.d4 exd4 18.cxd4 Rf8 19.Rd3 Nf4 20.Bxf4 Rxf4 21.Re1 Ne7 22.b5 Kh8 23.Rc3 c6 24.a4 Mayank,C (2457)-Manish,A (2328) Chennai 2025 ½-½ (51)]

10.b4 Bd7N A relevant novelty. Eine relevante Neuerung.

[Predecessor: Predecessor: RR 10...Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.c4 *(12.Bb2 Nh7 13.Kh2 Ng5 14.Ng1* 15) Italian 4...Bc5 5.Nc3 - D-Italian 4...Bc5 5.Nc3 - Dry d *)* 12...Ne7

A) RR 13.Rb1 c6 14.Re1 Bc7 15.d4 exd4 16.Qxd4 Qe8 17.Nh4 c5 18.Qd1 cxb4 19.axb4 Nxe4 20.Bb2 f5 21.Nxf5 Nxf5 22.Qd5 Ng5 23.f4 Nxh3+ 24.gxh3 Qg6+ 25.Qg2 Qxg2+ 26.Kxg2 Rae8 27.Rxe6 Rxe6;

B) 13.Re1 c6 *(*RR *13...Ng6 14.g3 c6 15.Nxb6 axb6 16.a4 d5 17.cxd5 cxd5 18.Qb3 Rd6 19.Be3 Qd7)* 14.Nxb6 Qxb6 15.Qc2 Ng6 16.c5 dxc5 17.bxc5 Qc7 18.d4 Qe7 19.dxe5 Nd7 20.Be3 Ngxe5 21.Nd4 Qxc5 22.Qxc5 Nxc5 23.Nxe6 Nxe6 24.a4 g5 25.a5 Larand,M (2683)-Osnos,V (2780) Gauthier/Tactics [John Watson] ½-½ (39);

C) 13.Nxb6 axb6 14.a4 c6 15.Re1 Ng6 16.Bd2 d5 ½-½ (38) Nihal,S (2677)-Alekseenko,K (2707) Linares 2022]

[RR 10...a6 11.Nxb6 cxb6 12.Bb3 b5 13.Re1 Be6

A) 14.Bxe6 Rxe6 15.Bb2 d5 16.exd5 Qxd5 17.c4 Qd6 *(* RR *17...bxc4 18.dxc4)* 18.Qb3 Nh5 19.c5 Qe7 20.d4 exd4 21.Rxe6 Qxe6 22.Qxe6 *(*RR *22.Nxd4 Nxd4 23.Qxe6 Nxe6;* RR *22.Qc2 Nf4 23.Re1 d3 24.Qd2)* 22...fxe6 23.Nxd4 Nxd4 24.Bxd4 Rd8 25.Be5 Kollars,D (2648)-So,W (2757) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 29 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (45);

B) 14.c4 bxc4 15.dxc4 b5 16.Qd3 bxc4 17.Bxc4 d5 *(* RR *17...Bxc4 18.Qxc4 Qd7 19.Bb2 Qb7 20.Rac1 Rac8 21.Qd3 Red8 22.Qe2 Ne7 23.Nd2 Ng6)* 18.exd5 Bxd5 19.Bxd5 Qxd5 20.Qxd5 Nxd5 21.Bb2 f6 22.Rac1 Nce7 23.g3 Nb6 24.Nd2 Rec8 25.Kf1 Navara,D (2681)-Lazavik,D (2578) Chess.com INT 2024 ½-½ (72)]

[RR 10...Nd4 11.Nxd4 Bxd4 12.c3 Bb6 13.Bb3 Be6 14.Bc2 d5 15.Qe2 dxe4 16.dxe4 Qe7 17.Bb2 Rad8 18.Nxb6 axb6 19.c4 Nd7 20.Rac1 f6 21.Bd3 Nf8 22.c5 bxc5 23.Rxc5 Rd7 24.Bc1 Red8 25.Bb1]

11.Re1 Nd4 12.Nxb6 Nxf3+! 13.Qxf3 axb6 14.Bb3 Be6 15.c4 Nd7 16.Qg3 Kh8 17.Rf1 b5 18.Rb1 bxc4 19.dxc4 f5 20.exf5 Bxf5 21.Rb2 -0.33/20

[21.Ra1= 0.14/23]

21...Nf6 0.23/20

[Black should play 21...Rxa3∓ -0.33/20 22.Rd2 Ra1]

22.Re1 -0.14/22

[⊏22.Re2 0.23/20]

22...Qd7 0.28/21

[⊏22...Rxa3 -0.14/22 23.Rbe2 Ra1]

23.Rbe2= Rf8 24.c5 Bh7 25.Qh4 Rae8 0.64/20

[⊏25...Bg8 0.31/21 26.Bc2 Bh7]

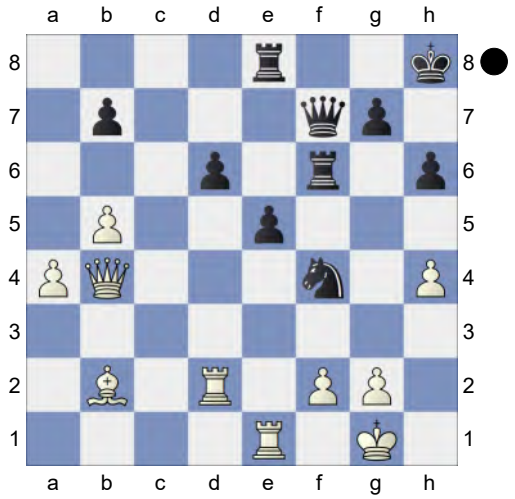
26.a4 Bg8 27.Bxg8 Nxg8 0.66/23

[⊏27...Kxg8 0.33/23 28.cxd6 cxd6]

28.cxd6 cxd6 29.b5 Ne7 30.Bb2 0.08/21

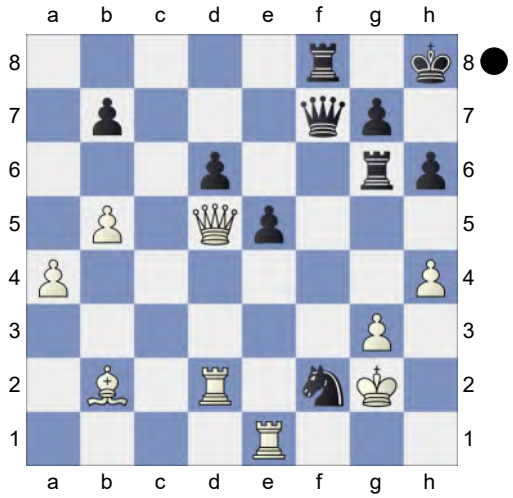
[30.Qg4± 0.55/22 feels stronger. Qxg4 31.hxg4]

30...Ng6
[30...Rf4!? 31.Qg3 Rxa4=]
31.Qb4 -1.42/22
[31.Qg4= 0.02/22 Qxg4 32.hxg4]
31...Rf6 -0.14/21
[31...Nf4∓ -1.42/22 32.Rd2 Qf5]
32.Rd2 -0.50/23
[32.Bc1= -0.14/21 should be considered.]
32...Qe6 0.01/24
[32...d5!∓ -0.50/23]
33.Qg4
[33.Red1 keeps more tension. Nf4 34.Qxd6 Rg6 35.Qxe6 Rxg2+ 36.Kf1]
33...Qf7 34.Qb4 -0.81/22
[34.Red1= -0.01/21]
34...Nf4∓ And now ...Rf6-g6 would win.
35.h4? -5.42/24
[Not 35.Rxd6? Qg6 36.Qxf4 exf4-+]
[35.Kh2∓ -0.80/22]



White does not recover from this.
35...Rf8
[Stronger than 35...Qg6 36.Qe4 Qg4 37.Re3∓]
36.Qe4 -5.43/26
[36.f3 -3.12/23 keeps fighting. Qh5 37.Re4 *(37.Rxd6? Qxh4 38.Rxf6 Rxf6-+)* 37...Qxh4 38.Rc2]

36...Rg6 37.g3 Nh3+ 38.Kg2 Nxf2 39.Qd5



Black must now prevent Qd5xf7.
39...Qf5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/Black=0.31
0-1

241 **C50**
□ **So,W.** **2745**
■ **Martirosyan,Haik M.** **2635**
FIDE World Rapid Team (4.4) 11.06.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.c3**
[5.a4 d6 6.c3 a6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Ba7 9.Nbd2 Qe7 10.h3 g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Qe2 Qf6 13.Bh2 Nf4 14.Bxf4 gxf4 15.g4 Ne7 16.b4 Ng6 17.Kd1 h5 18.g5 Qe7 19.b5 Kf8 0-1 Anand,V (2784)-Aronian,L (2792) Zuerich Opening Blitz 5th_19495 2016 (3)]
[5.Nc3 h6 6.Be3 Bb6 7.Qd2 d6 8.0-0-0 Na5 9.h3 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.c5 Bxc5 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.Qxd8+ Rxd8 14.Rxd8+ Kxd8 15.Rd1+ Ke7 16.Nxe5 Rd8 17.f3 g5 18.a3 c6

19.Na4 Rxd1+ 0-1 Arrondo Vila,N-Samper Gonzalez,P (1411) Barcelona Sant Marti op-B 22nd 2022 (9)]

5...0-0 6.0-0N

[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 Qb8 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3) 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003]

6...d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Re1 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nbd2 Nb6! 11.Bb3 The position is equal. **11...Qxd3 12.Nxe5 Qf5**

[12...Bxd1 simplifies 13.Nxd3 Bxb3 14.Nxc5 Bc2]

13.Nef3 Rad8 14.Qe2

[14.g4!? Bxg4 15.hxg4 Qxg4+ 16.Kh1=]

14...Nd5 14...Nd5 is better than 14...Qc8. 14...Sd5 ist besser als 14...Dc8. **15.Ne4 Bxf3! 16.Qxf3 Qxf3 17.gxf3 Bb6 18.Rd1!?** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **18...Nde7 19.Bf4 h6 20.a4 a5** 0.71/24

[20...Rxd1+= 0.22/22 21.Rxd1 Rd8]

21.h4!?N 0.29/25 White is more active. New and interesting. Theoretisch interessant.

[21.Bg3 0.01/25 21.Nd2 0.67 Nf5 22.Kf1 Nxg3+ 23.fxg3 Ne7 24.Ke2 Rfe8 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Rd1 Rxd1 27.Bxd1 ½-½ So,W (2753)-Xiong,J (2693) USA-ch Saint Louis 2023 (7)]

[Better is 21.Nd2± 0.71/24]

21...Nf5 22.h5 Nh4 0.80/24

[22...Rxd1+⩲ 0.43/24 23.Rxd1 Re8]

23.Nd2!± Ne5 aiming for ...Nd3. **24.Kf1!**

[24.Bxe5?! Rxd2 25.Rxd2 Nxf3+ 26.Kg2 Nxd2∓]

24...Nd3 1.52/24

[Black should play 24...Rfe8 0.71/25]

25.Bg3 This pair of bishops is nice.

25...Nf5 26.Nc4 Nc5 27.Bc2 Nxg3+ 28.fxg3 Ne6 29.f4 Rxd1+ 2.87/25

[29...Rfe8± 1.44/25 30.Rac1 Rf8]

30.Rxd1+-

[30.Bxd1 Ra8 31.Bf3 Nc5⩲]

30...Rd8? 5.48/30

[30...Re8 2.61/25 31.Nxb6 cxb6]

31.Rxd8+ Nxd8 Endgame KBN-KBN

32.Be4 Kf8 33.Ke2 Ke7 34.Bd5 g6 35.hxg6 fxg6 36.Kf3 Kf6 37.Ne5? 0.60/26

[37.Nxb6+- 2.99/25 cxb6 38.Ke4]

37...Bg1 38.Kg2 Ba7 39.Nc4! c6 0.86/25

[39...b6⩲ 0.48/24]

40.Be4± b5? 4.04/26

[40...g5± 0.89/23 is more resistant.]

41.Nxa5+-

[41.axb5 cxb5 42.Nxa5 g5±]

41...bxa4 42.Bc2? 0.49/26

[42.Bxc6 Nxc6 43.Nxc6 Be3=]

[42.Nxc6+- 3.54/26 Nxc6 43.Bxc6]

42...Bb6 1.61/26

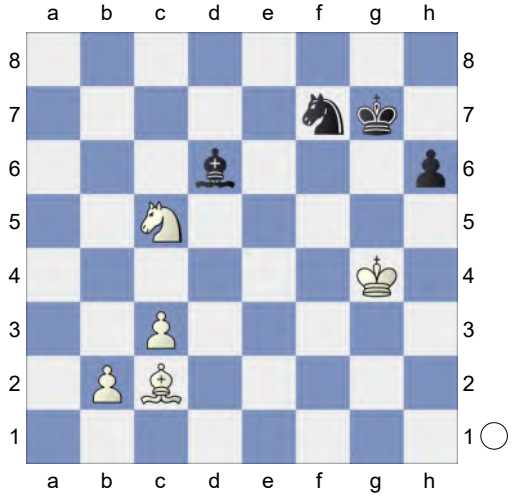
[42...g5⩲ 0.49/26]

43.Nc4 Bc7 44.Bxa4 0.56/28

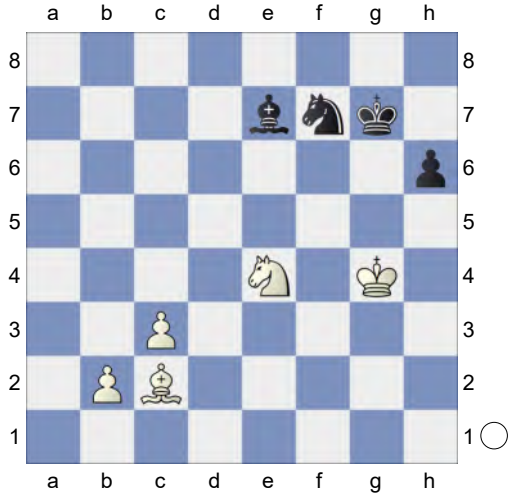
[White has to play 44.Nd2!+- 1.75/26]

44...g5⩲ 45.fxg5+ Kxg5 46.Nd2 Kf6 47.Kh3 Ke5 0.99/25

[47...Bb6± 0.52/24]
48.Kg4 c5 2.23/25
[48...Ke6± 0.96/22 49.Nf3 Kf6]
49.Kh5!+- Nf7 50.Bc2? 1.07/25
[50.Kg6+- 2.74/27 Ng5 51.g4 *(51.Kxh6 Kf6±)*]
50...Kf6± 51.Ne4+ Kg7 1.21/24
[51...Ke7!± 0.65/25]
52.Nxc5 Bxg3 53.Kg4! Bd6



54.Ne4 Be7 2.01/23
[54...Bb8± 1.09/23]



55.Kf5!+- h5? 3.56/26
[55...Ng5 1.74/24 56.Ng3 Kf8]
56.Ke6 Bd8 5.43/25
[⌓56...Kf8 3.57/25 57.Nf2 Ng5+ 58.Kd7 Bf6]
57.b4 h4 58.c4 h3 59.Bd1? 1.02/24
[59.c5+- 3.73/24 and White stays clearly on top. h2 60.Ng3]
59...h2? 6.12/22
[59...Bg5± 1.02/24]
60.Bf3 White is clearly winning. **60...Bc7 61.c5 Ne5 62.Bh1 Nd3 63.b5 Kg6 64.c6 Ba5 65.Kd6** and c7 would now be decisive **65...Bb4+ 66.Kd7 Ba5 67.c7 Ne5+ 68.Kd6 Nc4+ 69.Kc6 Bxc7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.53 **70.Kxc7**
1-0

242 **C53**
□ **So,W.** **2745**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2779**
12th Sinquefield Cup TB blitz (2) 27.8.25
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...a6N
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+

26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3)]

6.Bg5 Ba7 7.Nbd2 d6 8.a4 Ne7 White has an edge. **9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.0-0 Ng6 11.d4 h5 12.Re1 h4 13.Nf1 Be6 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.Qb3 Kd7 16.h3**

[16.Qxb7 Bb6 17.Nxh4 Rxh4-+ *(17...Ra7? 18.Qxb6 cxb6 19.Nxg6-+)*]

16...Qe7 0.46/21

[16...Qg8= -0.01/21 17.Qxb7 Bb6 *(17...Nf4? 18.Ne3-+)*]

17.Ne3±

[17.Kh1 is interesting. Qg7 18.a5 Nf4 19.Ne3]

17...Kc8 0.63/21

[17...Nf4!= 0.20/20 might be stronger.]

18.Rad1 White is much more active.

18...Nf4 19.Kh2 0.05/20

[Better is 19.Kh1± 0.67/20]

19...Qg7 0.74/21

[19...Qh7= 0.05/20 remains equal.]

20.Ng1 0.01/23

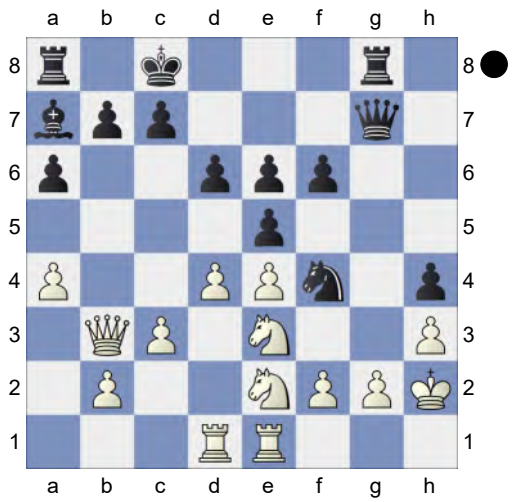
[20.a5± 0.74/21]

20...Rg8 1.19/22

[20...Qg6= 0.01/23]

21.Ne2±

(Diagram)



This costs Black the game. **21...Kd7** 2.72/19

[21...Nxg2? 22.Qxe6+ *(22.Rg1 Qf7+-)* 22...Kd8 *(22...Kb8? 23.Rg1+-)* 23.Rg1+-]

[21...Qg5± 1.24/21]

22.Nxf4+- exf4 23.Ng4 and e5! should not be overlooked **23...f3 24.Re3**

[24.gxf3 Qg5±]

[24.Qxb7 Rgb8 25.Qxa6 Bxd4=]

24...fxg2 25.Rf3

[25.Qxb7? Rgb8 26.Qxa6 Bxd4-+ *(26...Rxb2? 27.Rf3+-)*]

[25.Kxg2 Qg6±]

25...Raf8 5.04/20

[⌓25...Rgf8 3.22/19 26.d5 *(26.Qxb7 Rfb8±; 26.Kxg2? f5-+)* 26...exd5]

26.Qxb7 f5 7.63/21

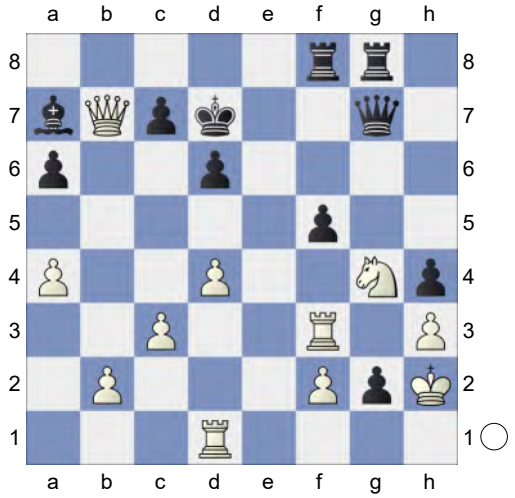
[⌓26...Bb6 4.74/18 27.Rg1 *(27.Qxa6 Qe7±; 27.Kxg2 f5=; 27.a5 Bxa5 28.d5 Bb6+-)* 27...a5 28.Rxg2 Ke7]

27.exf5

[27.Qxa7? fxg4 28.Kg1 Rxf3-+ *(28...gxf3? 29.Qxa6 Qg5 30.Qd3-+)*]

27...exf5

(Diagram)



28.Ne5+

[28.Qxa7? is the wrong capture. fxg4 29.Kg1 *(29.Rxf8 Qxf8 30.Kg1 gxh3)* 29...Rxf3-+ *(29...gxf3? 30.Qxa6 Rb8 31.b4-+)*]

28...Kd8 29.Kg1

[29.Qxa7? leads to mate. g1Q+ 30.Rxg1 Qxg1#]

29...Bb6 30.a5 Decoy **30...Bxa5 31.Nc6+ Kd7 32.Nxa5 Qe7 33.Qc6+ Kc8 34.Qxa6+ Kd7 35.Qb5+ Kc8 36.Re3 Qg5 37.Qa6+ Kd7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) / Black=1.02 **38.Rde1**

1-0

243 **C54**

□ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2745**

■ **Kovalev,Vl** **2582**

AI Cup Play-In Match 2023 rapid (1.3)

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 a6 7.a4 h6 8.Re1 0-0 9.h3 Ba7 10.Nbd2** The position is equal. **10...Ne7** 0.42/21

[10...Be6= 0.05/20]

[10...Nh5 11.Nf1 Qf6 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Nxe3 Nf4 14.Kh2 Be6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Rf1 g5 17.Ng1 Rae8 18.b4 Ne7 19.b5 a5 20.b6 cxb6 21.Rb1 Nc8 22.Nc4 Qd8 23.g3 Ng6 24.Qb3 Qc7 25.Kg2 1-0 Donchenko,A (2676)-Heimann,A (2552) EU-Cup 38th Durres 2023 (5.1)]

11.Bb3N is now more promising than 11.Nf1. im Vergleich zu 11.Sf1 vielversprechender.

[11.d4 Ng6 12.Bf1 c6 13.Qc2 Qc7 14.a5 Re8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Rad8 19.Ree1 Rd7 20.Ne3 Rdd8 21.Rab1 Nf4 22.b4 Bc8 23.Rb2 Ne6 24.Nd2 Ng5 25.h4 Ne6 ½-½ Stoll,J (2092)-Sokolow,J (2388) World Championship Match, 10th Game 31 (2) 26.g3 Qe7 27.Nf5 Qf8 28.Nf3 Nc7 29.Ne3 Ng4 30.Nxg4 Bxg4 31.Nd2 g5 32.hxg5 hxg5 33.Nc4 Qh6 34.Ne3 Bc8 35.Bg2 Nb5 36.Rbb1 Qf6 37.Kf1 Be6 38.Rbd1 Qe7 39.Qb2 Rxd1 40.Rxd1 Rd8 ½-½ Maldonado Gonzales,S (2092)-Nielsen,V (2388) Bassano del Grappa Vergani Cup 2023 (2)]

11...Ng6 12.d4 Re8 13.Bc2 b5 14.Nf1 c5 0.63/23

[14...Bd7= 0.19/19]

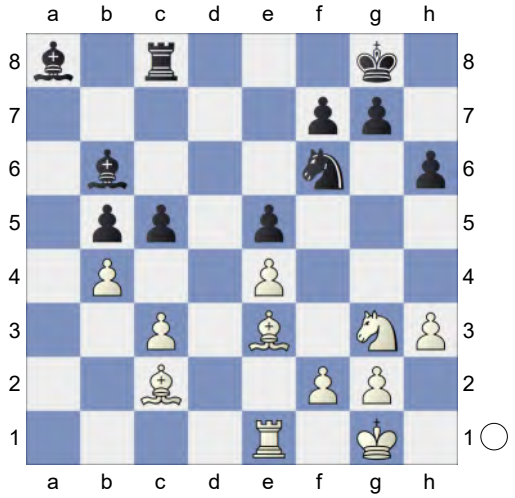
15.Ng3 Bb7 0.72/22

[15...Bd7⩲ 0.32/21]

16.Be3 exd4N

[Vorgänger: 16...Bb6 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Bxa8 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 dxe5 21.Qxd8 Rxd8 22.b4 Rc8 1.76/27 *(22...g6⩲ 1.05/22)*

(Diagram)

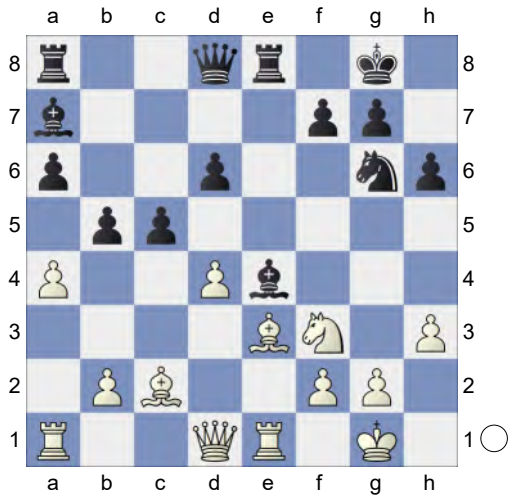


23.Nf5!+- Kf8? 3.05/25 Prevents Ne7 *(23...Rc7± 1.34/24)* 24.Nd6+- Rc6? 5.28/27 *(24...Rb8* 2.48/24 keeps fighting. *25.bxc5 Bc7)* 25.Ra1!+- Rxd6 26.Rxa8+ Rd8 7.06/25 *(⌓26...Ke7* 4.49/26 *27.bxc5 Rd8)* 27.Bxc5++- Kg8 28.Rxd8+ Bxd8 29.Bd3 Nd7 30.Bd6 1-0 Neiksans,A (2627)-Tari,A (2584) PRO League Eastern rapid 2017 (1)]

17.cxd4 This move loses the game for Black. **17...Nxe4?** 3.19/24

[17...cxd4± 0.49/21 18.Bxd4 Bxd4 19.Qxd4 *(19.Nxd4 d5=)* 19...Rc8]

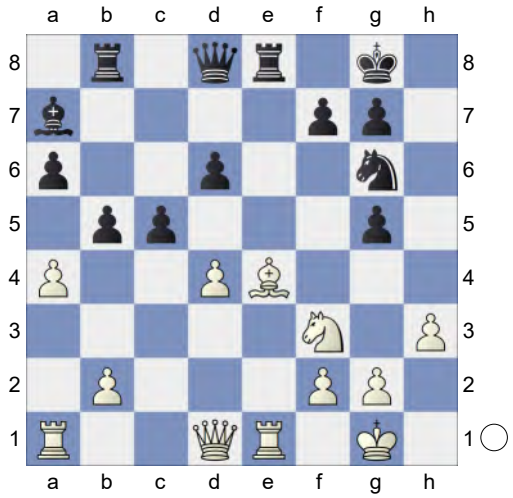
18.Nxe4+- Bxe4



19.Bg5! hxg5 20.Bxe4

[20.Rxe4 c4= *(20...Rxe4 21.Bxe4 d5 22.Bxg6±)*]

20...Rb8



21.Bxg6 fxg6 22.axb5 Hoping for Qb3+. **22...cxd4 23.Qb3+**

[23.bxa6 Rxe1+ 24.Qxe1 Kh7+-]

[23.Rxa6 Rxe1+ 24.Qxe1 Bb6 25.Qe6+ Kf8 26.Qxg6 Qf6+-]

23...d5 5.47/23

[⌓23...Kf8 3.88/23 24.Rxa6 Rxe1+ 25.Nxe1 Qe8]

24.Rxe8+ White is clearly winning.

[24.Rxa6 Rxe1+ 25.Nxe1 Bb6±]

24...Qxe8 25.Qxd5+

[25.Nxg5 Rxb5 26.Qg3 d3±]

25...Qf7 26.Qxf7+

[26.Qxg5 Rxb5 27.Qd8+ Qf8=]

26...Kxf7 Endgame KRB-KRN **27.Ne5+**

[27.Rxa6 Bc5=]

[27.bxa6 Kf6 28.Ra4 d3±]

27...Ke6 28.Nc6

[28.Nxg6 Rxb5 29.Rxa6+ Bb6∓]

[28.Rxa6+ Kxe5 29.Rxa7 Rxb5∓]

28...Rxb5 29.Nxa7 Rxb2 30.Rxa6+ KRN-KR **30...Kd5 31.Ra5+**

[31.Rxg6 d3 32.Nc8 *(32.Rxg5+ Kc4±; 32.Rxg7 d2=)* 32...d2 33.Rd6+ *(33.Rxg7? d1Q+ 34.Kh2 Qc1-+; 33.Rxg5+? Kd4-+)* 33...Ke5±]

31...Kc4 32.Nc6

[32.Rxg5 d3 33.Rxg6 *(33.Rg4+*

Kb3±) 33...Rb1+ 34.Kh2 d2=]

32...Rb1+ 33.Kh2 d3 34.Ne5+

[34.Rxg5 d2 35.Ne5+ *(35.Rxg6?* perishes. *d1Q-+)* 35...Kb3 36.Rg3+ *(36.Rxg6? d1Q-+)* 36...Kb4∓]

34...Kb4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.66 **35.Rd5**

[Not 35.Nxd3+ Kxa5 36.Ne5 Kb4=]

1-0

244 **C50**

□ **So,W.** **2745**

■ **Duda,J.** **2725**

SuperUnited CRO Rapid 2025 (6.2)

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.c3**

[6.a4 a6 7.c3 Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Re8 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b4 d5 13.Qc2 d4 14.Bb2 Nh5 15.b5 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Nb3 Qd8 20.g3 Rh6 0-1 Lunacek,J (2702)-Ferri, S (2732) Chicago op 19th 2010 (11)]

[6.Nc3 0-0 7.h3 h6 8.a3 a5 9.Bd2 Bd7 10.Ne2 b6 11.Ng3 Nd4 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.c3 Bc5 14.b4 b5 15.bxc5 bxc4 16.dxc4 dxc5 17.f4 exf4 18.Bxf4 Re8 19.e5 Nh7 20.Qf3 Ng5 1-0 El Hage Serrano,C (1443)-Escalera Medina,I Cochabamba op 6th 2023 (1)]

6...a5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Qe7N 0.41/20

8...Ba7 is the modern continuation. 8...La7 ist die moderne Fortsetzung.

[8...Bg4= -0.02/18 was preferable.]

[8...Ba7 9.a4 g5 10.Bg3 Ne7 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Ng6 13.d4 Nh5 14.dxe5 Nxg3 15.hxg3 dxe5 16.Rad1 g4 17.Nh2 Qg5 18.Rfe1 Kg7 19.Re2 h5 20.Ndf1 h4 21.Rd3 hxg3 22.Rxg3 Nf4 23.Nxg4 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2677)-Fedoseev, V (2685) Chess.com Rapid Winners 2022 (2.3) Bxg4 24.Ne3 Bxe3 25.Rexe3 Ng6 26.Be2 Be6 27.Qb5 Qf4 28.Qc5 Rh8 29.Qxc7 Rh6 30.Bf3 Rc8 31.Qxa5 Rch8 32.Kf1 Rh1+ 33.Ke2 Bc4+ 34.Kd2 Rf1 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2688)-Harikrishna,P (2720) Olympiad-44 Chennai 2022 (6.1)]

9.Re1 -0.01/22

[9.Nbd2± 0.41/20]

9...Bd7N 0.58/19

[9...Ba7 10.Na3 -0.29/20 *(⌓10.Nbd2* 0.26/20 *)* 10...g5= 11.Bg3 Nh7 0.40/20 *(11...Bg4∓* -0.46/19 *)* 12.d4 0-0 1.06/20 *(12...h5!=* 0.12/20 *)* 13.Nc2 h5 1.22/19 *(⌓13...g4* 0.71/19 *)* 14.h3± Kh8 1.37/17 *(* Black should play *14...Qf6* 0.98/21 *)* 15.Ne3!± and dxe5 would now be decisive g4 1.77/19 *(15...f6±* 1.07/18 *)* 16.hxg4+- Bxg4 2.21/19 ;1-0 Lu,S (2611)-Harutyunian,T (2533) Seville op 45th 2020 (7) *(16...hxg4±* 1.39/20 *17.Nh4 Qg5)*]

[9...g5= -0.01/22 10.Bg3 Ba7]

10.d4± Bb6 0.95/21

[10...Ba7± 0.45/20]

11.Na3 0.56/20

[11.Bd5!± 0.95/21]

11...g5 12.Bg3 Nh5 13.Bb5

[13.Nxe5?! Nxe5 14.dxe5 *(14.Qxh5 Bg4∓)* 14...Nxg3=]

13...Nxg3 14.hxg3 g4 1.63/20

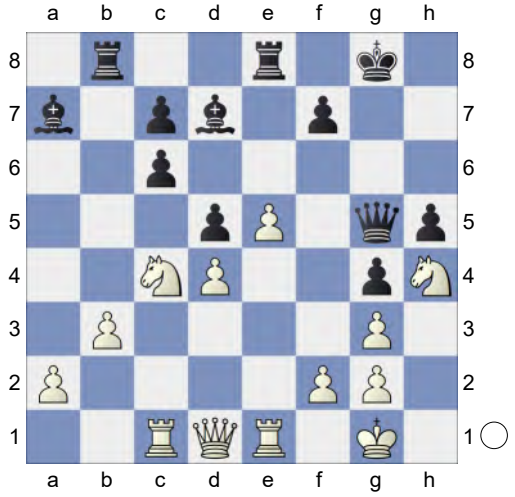
[14...exd4± 0.63/18 15.Bxc6 bxc6]

15.Nh4+- exd4 16.Nc4 Ba7 17.Bxc6! bxc6 18.cxd4 0-0 19.e5 White is more active.

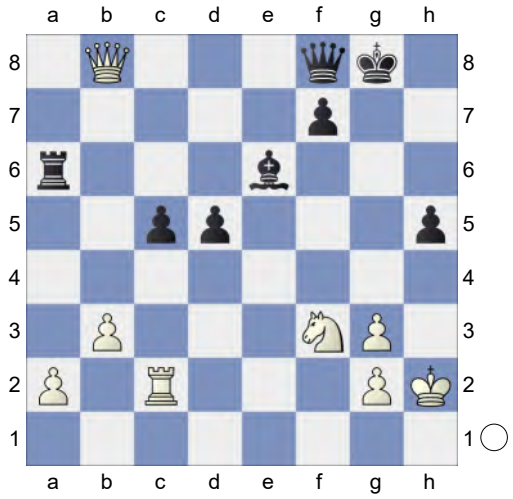
[19.Nxa5?! Qf6 20.Nb3 Rfe8±]

19...Rfe8 1.63/17

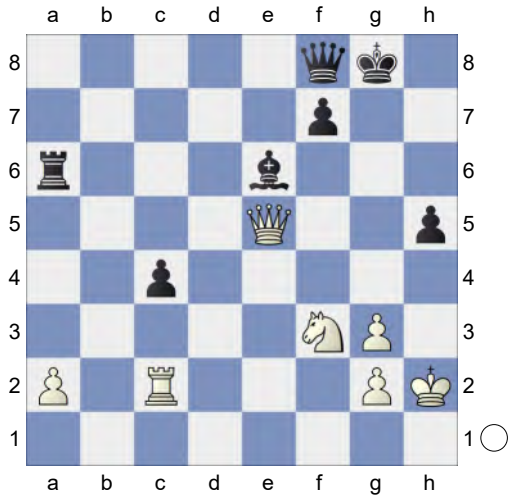
[19...Qg5± 1.21/18]
20.Nxa5 0.51/23
[20.Qd3+- 1.63/17]
20...Qg5 1.80/20
[20...dxe5± 0.51/23 21.Rxe5 Qd6]
21.Nc4 Rab8 22.b3 0.81/22
[22.exd6+- 1.86/22 Rxe1+ 23.Qxe1 cxd6 24.Rd1 *(24.Nxd6 Bxd4 25.Rd1 c5=)*]
22...h5? 2.36/20
[22...Rb5± 0.81/22]
23.Rc1
[23.exd6 Rxe1+ 24.Qxe1 cxd6=]
23...d5? 3.36/21
[23...Rb5 1.65/18]



24.e6! 1.92/21 **Rxe6 25.Rxe6 Bxe6 26.Ne5 Bxd4 27.Nxc6 Bb2 28.Rc2 Rb6 29.Nd4! Bxd4** 2.83/19
[29...Ba3± 1.55/23]
30.Qxd4 Ra6? 5.19/21
[30...Qe7 2.00/21 is tougher. 31.Qe5 c5]
31.Kh2
[31.Rxc7 Rxa2 32.Rb7 Ra8±]
31...c6 5.04/21
[⌓31...Qg7 3.45/19 32.Qd2 c6]
32.f4 gxf3 33.Nxf3 Qg7 4.17/21
[33...Qg4 2.81/19 34.Qc3 Ra8]
34.Qf4 c5 35.Qb8+ 1.52/20
[35.Rxc5+- 4.71/22 is more deadly. Qg4 36.Qb8+ Kg7 37.a4]
35...Qf8±



36.Qe5 c4 2.82/21
[36...f6 1.71/18 is a better defense. 37.Qf4 *(37.Qxh5 Kg7=)* 37...Bf7]
37.bxc4+-
[37.Qxh5 Qg7=]
37...dxc4



Black is weak on the dark squares
38.Rb2!
[38.Qxh5 Qg7=]
38...Ra8 Prevents Rb8 **39.Rb5**
[39.Qxh5 Qg7 40.Rb5 Bg4±]
39...Bg4? 6.32/26
[39...Bd7 1.96/19]
40.Qf6 Re8 41.Rg5+ Kh7 42.Ne5?

0.12/23
[42.Nd4+- 5.97/24 Re4 43.a4 *(43.Nf5 Re6+-)*]
42...Re6= The position is equal. **43.Qf4**
[43.Qf2!? f5□ 44.Nxg4 *(44.Nxc4 Qe7=)* 44...hxg4 45.Rxg4± Pin *(45.Rxf5 Qh6+ 46.Kg1 Qc1+ 47.Qf1 Re1=)*]
43...c3 44.Nxg4
[44.a4 simplifies f5 45.Nxg4 hxg4 46.Qxf5+ Qxf5 47.Rxf5 Rc6 48.Rf1]
44...hxg4 Endgame KQR-KQR **45.Qf5+**
[45.Rxg4 Rh6+ 46.Rh4 Rxh4+ 47.gxh4 Qc5]
[45.Qxg4? Qh6+ 46.Kg1 c2 47.Qf5+ Kh8-+]
45...Kh8 46.Rxg4 Rh6+ 47.Kg1⇄ White is not keeping still **47...Qd8** White must now prevent ...Qb6+.
48.Qe5+
[48.Qxf7 Qd1+ 49.Qf1 Rh1+ *(49...Qxg4? 50.Qf8+ Kh7 51.Qf7+ Qg7 52.Qf5+ Rg6 53.Qh3+ Kg8 54.Qc8+ Qf8 55.Qxc3-+)* 50.Kxh1 Qxf1+ 51.Kh2 c2 52.Rh4+ Kg7 53.Rg4+ Kh6-+]
48...f6 49.Qd4
[49.Qxc3? perishes. Qd1+ 50.Kf2 Qxg4-+]
49...Qxd4+ 50.Rxd4 KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **50...Rh5 51.Rc4 Ra5 52.Rxc3 Rxa2 53.Rc7 Ra5 54.Kf2 Rf5+ 55.Ke3 Kg8 56.g4 Ra5 57.Kf4 Rb5 58.Rd7 Ra5 59.Ke4 Rg5 60.Kf4 Ra5 61.Ke4 Rg5 62.Kf4 Ra5** Black escapes into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/Black=0.50
63.Ke4
½-½

245 **C50**
□ **titanshahmat2003** **2745**
■ **DailyTornado** **2686**
Blitz 27.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.Be3 Bxe3**
[6...Bb6 7.Nc3 h6 8.Nd5 Nxd5 9.exd5 Ne7 10.Bb5+ c6 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.Ba4 0-0 13.Bb3 Bg4 14.Bxb6 axb6 15.Qe2 Qd7 16.Qe3 Ng6 17.Nd2 Rab8 18.a4 d5 19.a5 bxa5 20.Rxa5 Be6 21.Rfa1 0-1 Efremov,A (1651)-Guerra,J (2067) Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Dec Late blitz 2022 (1)]
7.fxe3 Na5 8.Bb3 Nxb3N
[8...c6 9.Qe2 0-0 10.Nbd2 Qe7 11.c3 Nxb3 12.Nxb3 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Nfd2 Qg5 15.Rae1 Bg4 16.Qf2 f5 17.Kh1 Qg6 18.Nc1 f4 19.e4 Ne3 20.Rg1 Qh5 21.Nf3 Nxg2 22.Nxe5 Bh3 23.Rxg2 0-1 Vergani,B-Chigorin,M Hastings_28841 1895 (16)]
9.axb3 0-0 10.Qe1 a6 11.Nc3 Be6 12.h3 Qe7 13.g4 h5 1.22/21
[13...Nd7= -0.13/20]

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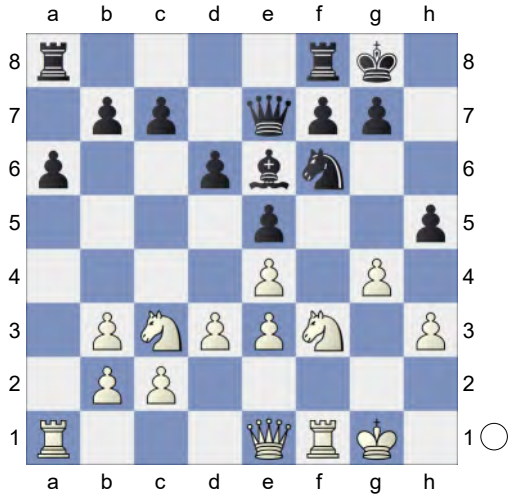
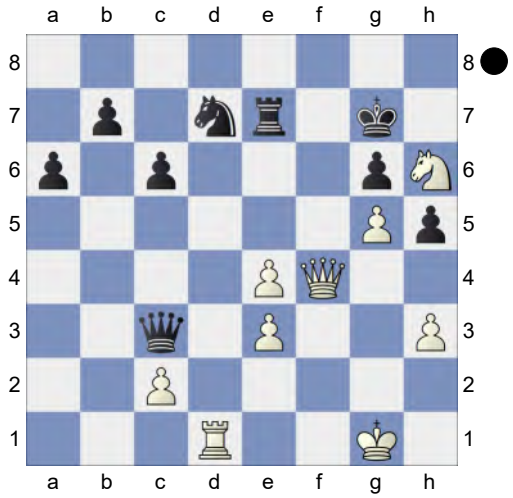


14.g5 -0.20/22
[14.Qh4!± 1.22/21]
14...Nh7= 15.Qg3 g6 16.d4 Rfe8 0.32/20 Black is weak on the dark squares
[16...exd4= -0.19/22 17.exd4 b5]
17.b4 -0.51/22
[17.dxe5± 0.32/20 dxe5 18.Rad1]
17...c6∓ 18.Rf2 Nf8 0.01/21
[18...exd4∓ -0.41/21 19.exd4 d5]
19.dxe5 dxe5 20.Nxe5 Qxb4 21.Raf1 -0.70/23
[21.Nd3= -0.07/23 Qe7 22.Raf1]
21...Qxb2 22.Ne2 -1.03/23
[22.Nd1∓ -0.67/23 might be stronger. Qa1 23.Nxf7]
22...Re7 -0.36/21
[22...Bxh3∓ -1.03/23 23.Nd3 Qxc2]
23.Nd4 Qc3 24.Nxe6 Nxe6 25.Nxf7 Rf8 26.Nh6+ Kg7 Active counter play!
27.Rxf8 0.01/23
[27.Qd6 Rfe8 28.Rf7+ Rxf7 29.Rxf7+ Kh8∓]
[White should try 27.Nf5+!± 0.56/26 gxf5 28.exf5 Rxf5 29.Rxf5]
27...Nxf8= 28.Qf4 -1.48/23
[28.Rxf8= 0.01/25 Kxf8 29.Qb8+ Re8 30.Qd6+ Re7 31.Qd8+ Re8 32.Qd6+]
28...Nd7∓ 29.Rd1? -3.13/22
[29.Nf7∓ -1.23/20 might work better.]



29...Qxc2-+ 30.Rxd7 -9.93/23
[30.Rd4 -2.61/21]
30...Rxd7 31.Qf6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.78/Black=0.21 (precise)
31...Kh7
0-1

246 **C54**
□ **So,Wesley** **2745**
■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2725**
Zagreb Superbet Rapid (6) 03.07.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.c3**
[6.a4 a6 7.c3 Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Re8 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b4 d5 13.Qc2 d4 14.Bb2 Nh5 15.b5 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Nb3 Qd8 20.g3 Rh6 0-1 Lunacek,J (2702)-Ferri, S (2732) Chicago op 19th 2010 (11)]
[6.Nc3 0-0 7.h3 h6 8.a3 a5 9.Bd2 Bd7 10.Ne2 b6 11.Ng3 Nd4 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.c3 Bc5 14.b4 b5 15.bxc5 bxc4 16.dxc4 dxc5 17.f4

exf4 18.Bxf4 Re8 19.e5 Nh7 20.Qf3 Ng5 1-0 El Hage Serrano,C (1443)-Escalera Medina,I Cochabamba op 6th 2023 (1)]

6...a5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Qe7N 8...Ba7 is the modern continuation. 8...La7 ist die moderne Fortsetzung.

[8...Ba7 9.a4 g5 10.Bg3 Ne7 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Ng6 13.d4 Nh5 14.dxe5 Nxg3 15.hxg3 dxe5 16.Rad1 g4 17.Nh2 Qg5 18.Rfe1 Kg7 19.Re2 h5 20.Ndf1 h4 21.Rd3 hxg3 22.Rxg3 Nf4 23.Nxg4 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2677)-Fedoseev, V (2685) Chess.com Rapid Winners 2022 (2.3) Bxg4 24.Ne3 Bxe3 25.Rexe3 Ng6 26.Be2 Be6 27.Qb5 Qf4 28.Qc5 Rh8 29.Qxc7 Rh6 30.Bf3 Rc8 31.Qxa5 Rch8 32.Kf1 Rh1+ 33.Ke2 Bc4+ 34.Kd2 Rf1 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2688)-Harikrishna,P (2720) Olympiad-44 Chennai 2022 (6.1)]

9.Re1 Bd7N 0.62/20

[9...Ba7 10.Na3 -0.44/20 *(10.Nbd2= 0.22/20)* 10...g5 11.Bg3 Nh7 0.56/20 *(*Better is *11...Bg4!= -0.27/19)* 12.d4± 0-0 0.95/20 *(12...h5!=* 0.19/21 keeps the balance. *)* 13.Nc2 h5 and ...h4 should not be overlooked 14.h3 Kh8 15.Ne3 dxe5 is the strong threat. g4 2.04/20 *(15...f6±* 1.10/19 *)* 16.hxg4+- Bxg4 2.11/21 ;1-0 Lu,S (2611)-Harutyunian, T (2533) Seville op 45th 2020 (7) *(16...hxg4±* 1.60/22 *17.Nd5 Qd8)*]

[9...g5= 0.25/22 10.Bg3 Bg4]

10.d4± Bb6 11.Na3 g5 12.Bg3 Nh5 13.Bb5

[13.Nxe5?! Nxe5 14.Bxe5 *(14.Qxh5 Bg4∓; 14.dxe5 Nxg3 15.hxg3 Qxe5=)* 14...dxe5=]

13...Nxg3 14.hxg3 g4 1.55/22

[⌓14...exd4 0.72/19 15.Nxd4 0-0]

15.Nh4± exd4 16.Nc4 Ba7 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.cxd4 0-0 19.e5 1.18/20

[19.Nxa5?! Qf6 20.Nb3 Rfb8±]

[19.Qd3+- 1.61/18]

19...Rfe8 1.84/21

[19...Qg5± 1.18/20]

20.Nxa5 0.51/23

[20.Qd3+- 1.84/21]

20...Qg5 1.85/23

[20...dxe5± 0.51/23 21.Rxe5 Qf6]

21.Nc4 Rab8 22.b3 0.90/24

[22.exd6+- 1.80/24 Rxe1+ 23.Qxe1 cxd6 24.Rd1 *(24.Nxd6 Bxd4 25.Rd1 c5=)*]

22...h5? 2.77/22

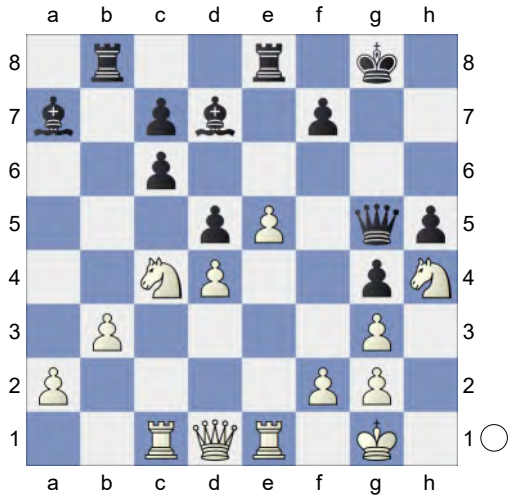
[22...Rb5± 0.90/24]

23.Rc1

[23.exd6 Rxe1+ 24.Qxe1 Re8±]

23...d5 2.69/21

[23...Rb5 1.96/20 was worth a try.]



24.e6! Rxe6 25.Rxe6 Bxe6 26.Ne5 Bxd4 27.Nxc6 Bb2 28.Rc2 Rb6 29.Nd4!↑ White is in control. **29...Bxd4** 2.46/20

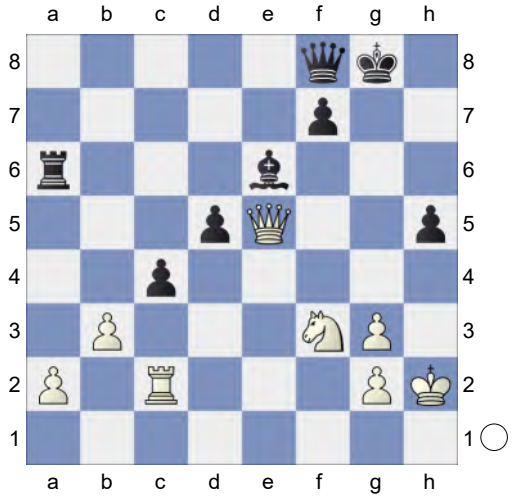
[⌓29...Ba3 1.68/25]

30.Qxd4+- Ra6? 4.52/22

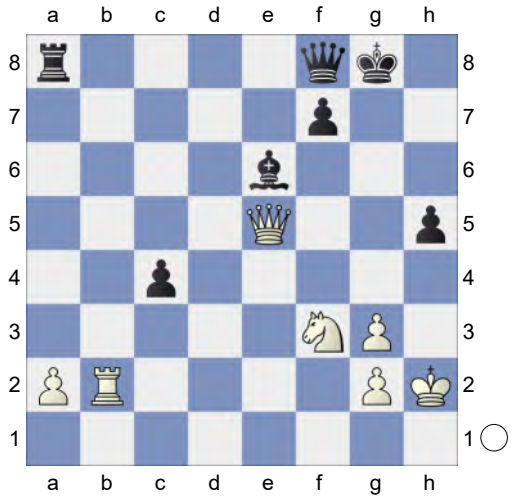
[30...Qe7 2.36/23 31.Rc5 Ra6]

31.Kh2

[31.Rxc7 Rxa2 32.Rb7 Ra8±]
31...c6 32.f4 gxf3 33.Nxf3 Qg7 34.Qf4 c5 35.Qb8+ 1.87/21
[⌓35.Rxc5 3.78/22 Rxa2 36.Ng5]
35...Qf8 36.Qe5 c4



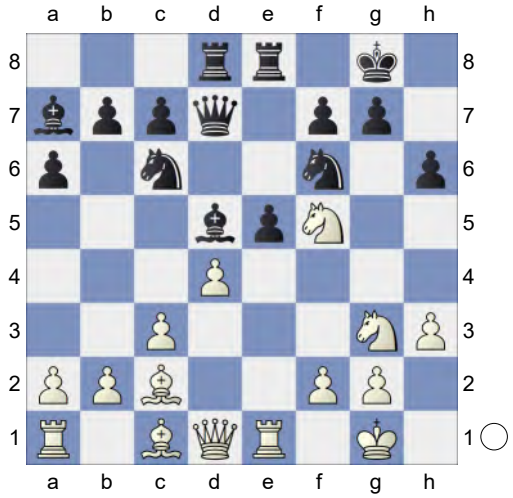
37.bxc4!
[37.Qxh5 Qg7=]
37...dxc4 Black is weak on the dark squares **38.Rb2**
[38.Qxh5 Qg7=]
38...Ra8



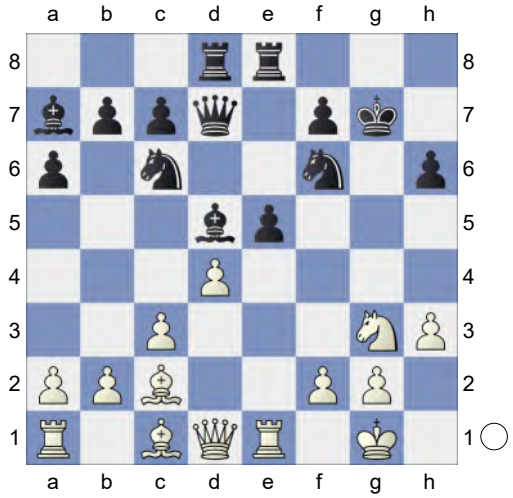
Prevents Rb8. **39.Rb5!**
[39.Qxh5 Qg7 40.Rb5 Qh7=]
39...Bg4? 5.86/26
[39...Bd7 2.75/20 is more resistant.]
40.Qf6 Re8 41.Rg5+ Kh7 42.Ne5? 0.14/23
[White must play 42.Nd4+- 5.24/26 c3 43.Nf5]
42...Re6= The position is equal. **43.Qf4 c3 44.Nxg4**
[44.a4!?]
44...hxg4 Endgame KQR-KQR **45.Qf5+**
[45.Qxg4? Qh6+ 46.Kg1 c2 47.Qf5+ Kh8-+]
45...Kh8 46.Rxg4 Rh6+ 47.Kg1
[47.Rh4 simplifies Rxh4+ 48.gxh4 Qd6+ 49.Kh1]
47...Qd8 48.Qe5+
[48.Qxf7 Qb6+ *(48...Qd1+? 49.Kf2-+)* 49.Kf1 *(49.Qf2? c2-+)* 49...Rh1+ *(49...Rf6+? 50.Qxf6+ Qxf6+ 51.Rf4-+)* 50.Ke2 Qb2+ 51.Kd3 Rd1+ *(51...Qxg2 52.Rg8#; 51...Qd2+? 52.Ke4-+)* 52.Ke4 Qb1+ *(52...Qxg2+ 53.Kf5∓)* 53.Ke5 Qb5+ 54.Ke6 Qc6+ 55.Ke5 Qd6+ 56.Kf5 Rd5+-+]
48...f6 49.Qd4
[49.Qxc3? perishes. Qd1+ 50.Kf2 Qxg4-+]
49...Qxd4+
[49...Qc8 is interesting. 50.Qc4 Qb8 51.Qxc3 Qb1+]
50.Rxd4 KR-KR. White is a pawn up.
50...Rh5 51.Rc4 Ra5 52.Rxc3 Rxa2 53.Rc7 Ra5 54.Kf2 Rf5+ 55.Ke3 Kg8 56.g4 Ra5 57.Kf4 Rb5 58.Rd7 Ra5 59.Ke4 Rg5 60.Kf4 Ra5 61.Ke4 Rg5 62.Kf4 Ra5 Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.36
63.Ke4
½-½

247 **C53**
□ **So,W.** **2745**
■ **Gukesh,D.** **2776**
SuperUnited CRO Blitz 2025 (10.5)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 a6**
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3)]
6.0-0 d6 7.Re1 0-0 8.h3N
[8.b4 Ba7 9.a4 Ne7 10.a5 Ng6 11.Nbd2 c6 12.Nf1 d5 13.Bb3 Re8 14.h3 h6 15.Bd2 Be6 16.Ng3 Qd7 17.exd5 Bxd5 18.Be3 Bxe3 19.Rxe3 Bxb3 20.Qxb3 Nd5 21.Re4 f5 22.Re2 Kh7 ½-½ Caillot,A (1651)-Navrotescu,A (2190) Sautron W op 02nd 2014 (2) 23.Rd1 Ndf4 24.Red2 Rf8 25.d4 e4 26.Ne5 Qe8 27.Kh2 Nxe5 28.dxe5 Qxe5 29.Rd7 Nd3 30.Qc4 Nxf2 31.Qd4 Qxd4 32.R1xd4 Nd3 33.Rxb7 Rad8 34.Rxd8 Rxd8 35.Nxf5 Ne5 36.Rxg7+ Kh8 37.Re7 Nc4 1-0 Caglar,S (2250)-Stefanou,D (2099) _5569 2021 (7.5) 38.Nxh6 Rd3 39.Rxe4 Rxc3 40.Nf7+ Kg7 41.Ne5 Nd6 42.Rd4 Nf5 43.Rc4 Rxc4 44.Nxc4 Nd4 45.Ne5 Kf6 46.Nd7+ Ke6 47.Nc5+ Kd5 48.Nxa6 Kc4 49.Nc7 8 1-0 Be2 Na6 9 Ba5 Bd7 (2250)-Viksnin (2099) Menorca op 2nd 2023 (7.5)]
8...h6 9.Nbd2 Re8 10.Nf1 Ba7 11.Bb3 Be6 12.Bc2 d5 13.exd5 Bxd5
14.Ng3 White has an edge.
[14.Be3 simplifies Bxe3 15.Nxe3 Be6 16.Nd2]
14...Qd7 15.Nh4 Rad8 16.Nhf5 0.01/18
[16.b4± 0.42/18]
16...Qe6? 2.66/21
[16...Kh8= 0.01/18]
17.d4+- aiming for Nxg7!. **17...Qd7?** 5.46/22
[17...e4± 1.59/18 is a better chance.]



18.Nxg7! Decoy **18...Kxg7**



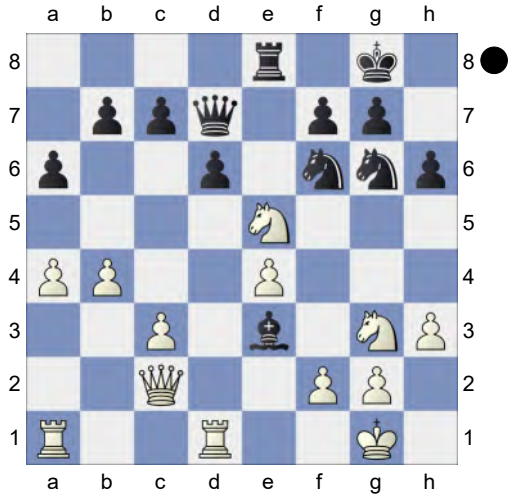
19.Bxh6+! Decoy **19...Kh8** And now ... Rg8 would win.
[19...Kg8 20.Nh5]
20.Bg5 Qe6 21.Bf5 Qd6 22.Nh5 Nh7

7.22/22
[⌓22...Ng8 4.84/20 23.Qd2 Qf8]
23.Bxh7
[Weaker is 23.Bxd8 Rxd8±]
23...Kxh7 24.Qg4 Intending Nf6+ and mate. **24...Qg6 25.Qh4 Kg8 26.Re3 exd4 27.Rg3** 9.68/18
[⌓27.Nf6+ 34.55/29 Kg7 28.Nxe8+ *(28.Rxe8 Rxe8* Remove Defender *29.Nxe8+ Kg8+-)* 28...Kg8 29.Rg3 *(29.Bxd8? Qxg2#)*]
27...Re4 28.Nf6+ Kg7 Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/Black=1.84
29.Nxe4 34.53/28
[⌓29.Bh6+ #7/18 Kh8 30.Rxg6 *(30.Nxe4 Qxg3 31.Nxg3 Rd6 32.Nf5 Kg8 33.Nxd6 Ne5 34.Qf6 Nf3+ 35.gxf3 cxd6 36.Qg7#)* 30...fxg6 31.g4 *(31.Nxe4 g5 32.Qxg5 Rg8 33.Qf6+ Kh7 34.Ng5+ Rxg5 35.Qxg5 dxc3 36.Qg7#)* 31...Rxg4+ 32.hxg4 g5 33.Bxg5+ *(33.Qh2 Bg8 34.Bf8+ Bh7 35.Qxh7#)* 33...Kg7 34.Qh7+ Skewer Kf8 35.Bh6#]
1-0

248 **C54**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2744**
■ **Duda,J.** **2733**
CrunchLab Masters Div 1 W (2.1)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 GM Brandon Jacobson : 'Caruana showed once again that he's in good form as he pressed a meager advantage against Gukesh. Caruana was unable to extract any water from Gukesh's stone, though, and the pawn-up queen endgame that ensued was the furthest from winning as Caruana's extra pawn was doubled and on the kingside, where all the other pawns were. Caruana kept trying, but eventually agreed to a draw on move 74. GM Brandon Jacobson shows us how to play like Caruana: _____ This game illustrates Gukesh's incredible calculation ability yet again, neutralizing Caruana's active play with machine-like precision, and eventually saving the draw in incredible fashion. _____' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 a6 7.a4** 7.Re1 is setting a new trend. 7.Te1 setzt einen neuen Trend. **7...Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Re8 10.b4 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.Qc2 h6N**
[12...Re8 13.Re1 h6 14.Nf1 d5 15.Ng3 b5 16.Nf5 dxe4 17.dxe4 Ne7 18.Nxe5 Nxf5 19.exf5 c5 20.Bf4 bxa4 21.Nc6 Qd7 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.Nxa7 cxb4 24.cxb4 Qd4 25.Qc1 Qxa7 26.Rxa4 Qb7 27.Qd2 Caruana,F (2803)-Gukesh D (2743) FIDE Candidates 2024 (4.3) ½-½]
13.Rd1 Ne7N
[Vorgänger: 13...Qd7 14.Nf1 d5 15.Bd2 Rd8 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.b5 Nce7 18.c4 Nf6! 19.Bc3 Ng6 Predke,A (2682)-So,W (2778) Berlin FIDE GP 3 Pool-C 2022 (2) ½-½]
14.Nf1 Ng6 15.Ng3 Qd7 16.d4 0.00/25
[16.c4± 0.50/20]
16...exd4!= 17.Nxd4 Re5 18.Be3 Rae8 19.Nf3 Bxe3 20.Nxe5

(Diagram)

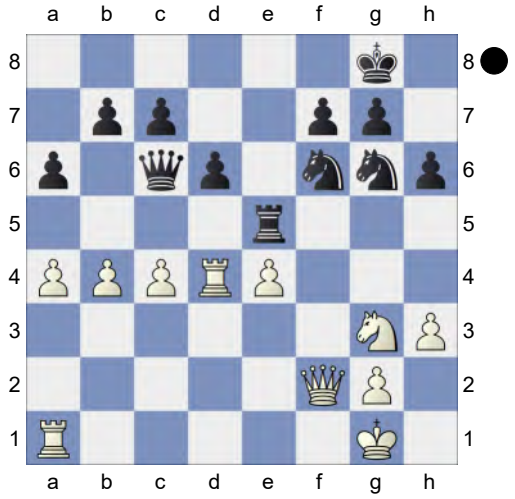


Bxf2+! 21.Qxf2 Rxe5 22.Rd4 Qc6 0.00/19

[22...h5∓ -0.40/19 was preferrable.]

23.c4 -0.74/20

[23.Qf3= 0.00/19]



23...Nxe4 0.40/23

[23...a5!∓ -0.74/20 24.b5 Qc5]

24.Nxe4 Rxe4 25.Rf1 Black must now prevent b4-b5. **25...Re7 26.b5** -0.04/22

[26.a5± 0.38/23 is superior.]

26...Qc5 27.Rg4 Qxf2+ 28.Kxf2 Endgame. KRR-KRN **28...Re5** 0.23/26

[Black should try 28...a5!∓ -0.38/24]

29.Rb1 Rc5 The position is equal. **30.b6 Ne5 31.Rd4 Nxc4 32.bxc7 Rxc7 33.Rb4 b5 34.axb5 axb5 35.Rxb5 Rc6 36.Rb8+ Kh7 37.Rd8 g6 38.Ke2 Kg7 39.Kd3 Ne5+ 40.Ke4 Rc2** ...Ne5-c6 would now be deadly. **41.R8xd6 Re2+ 42.Kd5 f6 43.Ra4** aiming for Ra4-a7+. **43...g5 44.Raa6 Rd2+ 45.Ke4 Re2+ 46.Kd5 Rd2+ 47.Ke4 Re2+ 48.Kd5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) / Black=0.08 (flawless)

½-½

249 **C54**

□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2744**

■ **Navara,David** **2667**

6th Masters 2024 (3.3) 29.02.2024

[Mon Hokmome]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4** Kitty Kat Kitty Kat Kitty Kat Kitty Kat **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6**

[RR 5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7]

6.b4N

[RR 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 a5 9.a3 Bb6 *(RR 9...0-0)* 10.Nbd2 Nh7 11.Bb5 h5 12.h3 h4 13.Bh2 Bd7 *(RR 13...g4 14.hxg4 Bxg4)* 14.Nc4 Ne7 *(RR 14...Ba7)* 15.Bxd7+ Qxd7 16.d4 f6 17.Nxb6 cxb6 18.Nd2 b5 19.a4 *(RR 19.Qh5+ Kf8 20.0-0)* 19...bxa4 20.Nc4 *(RR 20.Qxa4 Qxa4 21.Rxa4 Kd7)* 20...Nc8

Yip,C (2386)-Mkrtchyan,M (2328) Budapest HUN 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (40) *(RR 20...Ra6)* RR 21.Ne3]

[RR 6.0-0

A) 6...a5 7.Re1 0-0 8.h3 Ba7 9.Na3 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Nb5 Bb6 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Rxe3 d5 14.Re1 d4 *(RR 14...Qd7)* 15.cxd4 exd4

A1) RR 16.e5 Nd5 17.Re4 *(RR 17.Nbxd4 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Nf4)*;

A2) 16.Qa4 Nh5

A2a) RR 17.Nfxd4 Qh4 18.Qc2 *(RR 18.Nxe6 Qxf2+ 19.Kh1 Ne5)* 18...Nb4;

A2b) 17.Nbxd4 Nf4 *(RR 17...Nxd4 18.Qxd4 Qxd4 19.Nxd4 Nf4)* 18.Nxc6 bxc6

A2b1) RR 19.Qxc6 Nxh3+ 20.gxh3 *(RR 20.Kh2 Nxf2 21.Rf1 Ng4+ 22.Kg1 Qf6)* 20...Rxf3 21.Qxe6+ Kh8;

A2b2) 19.Re3 Qf6 20.Qc2 *(RR 20.Qxc6 Rab8)* 20...Rab8 Priansh,D (2311)-Wafa,H (2359) Doha QAT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (36) RR 21.Qxc6 *(RR 21.Rb1)* 21...Qg6 22.Ne1 *(RR 22.Qxc7 Qxg2#)* 22...Rxb2;

B) 6...h6 7.Re1 a6 8.a4 Ba7 9.b4 0-0 10.h3 Ne7 11.d4 Ng6 12.Nbd2 exd4 13.cxd4 *(RR 13.Nxd4 d5 14.Bf1 Bxd4 15.cxd4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Rxe4 Be6 18.d5 Qxd5 19.Rd4 Qf5 20.Bb2 c6 21.Rc1 Bd5 22.Bd3 Qe6 23.Rg4 Rae8 24.Qc2 f5 25.Rg3 Rf7 26.Qc3 Ree7 27.b5 axb5)* 13...d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Qb3 Nb6 16.Bd3 Nf4 17.Bb1 Nbd5 18.Qc2 g6 *(RR 18...Ng6)* 19.Ne4 Bf5 *(RR 19...c6)* 20.Bxf4 Nxf4 Moosavifar,S (2308)-Aradhya,G (2365) Doha QAT 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (42);

C) 6...0-0 7.Re1 a6 8.h3 h6 9.a4 Ba7 10.Nbd2

C1) RR 10...Re8 11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.Ng3 d5 14.Qe2 a5 15.Nh4 Ne7 16.Nhf5 dxe4 17.dxe4 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 Qd7 19.Qf3 Rd8 20.Bxh6 Nxe4 21.Rxe4 gxh6 22.Qg4+ Rg6 23.Nxh6+ Kf8 24.Qxd7 Rxd7 25.Nf5;

C2) RR 10...Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Ne7 13.Nf1 Ng6 14.N1h2 Rf7 15.g3 d5 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Qd6 18.Qb3 a5 19.bxa5 Nd7 20.d4 Raf8 21.Rd1 dxe4 22.Nxe5 Ndxe5 23.dxe5 Qc6 24.Qb5 Qxb5 25.axb5;

C3) RR 10...Ne7 11.Bb3 *(RR 11.d4 Ng6 12.Bf1 c6 13.Qc2 Qc7 14.a5 Re8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Rad8 19.Ree1 Rd7 20.Ne3 Rdd8 21.Rab1 Nf4 22.b4 Bc8 23.Rb2 Ne6 24.Nd2 Ng5 25.h4 Ne6)* 11...Ng6 12.d4 Re8 13.Bc2 c6 14.Nf1 Qc7 15.Ng3 Be6 16.Be3 Rad8 17.Qc1 Bb8 18.a5 Rd7 19.Ra4 d5 20.dxe5 Nxe4 21.Bb6 Qc8 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.Raxe4 Bf5 24.R4e3 Bxc2 25.Qxc2;

C4) 10...Qe7 11.b4 Be6 12.Rb1 Qd7 13.b5 Ne7 14.d4 Bxc4 15.Nxc4 exd4 16.cxd4 axb5 17.Rxb5 c6 18.Rb3 *(RR 18.Rb1)* 18...d5 19.Nfe5 Qd8 *(RR 19...Qc7 20.exd5 cxd5)*

20.exd5 cxd5 Dominguez Perez, L (2741)-So,W (2751) Saint Louis USA 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (43)]

6...Bb6 7.a4

[RR 7.Nbd2]

7...a5 8.b5 Ne7 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.0-0 Ng6 11.d4N

[11.Ba3 Nh5 12.d4 Nhf4 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qg5 15.g3 Nh3+ 16.Kg2 Qxe5 17.Bd5 Qxc3 18.Nc4 Ng5 19.Bb2 Bh3+ 20.Kh1 Qf3+ 21.Qxf3 Nxf3 22.Nxb6 cxb6 23.Rfc1 Rac8 24.Ba3 Ne5 25.Bxb7 Rxc1+ Iljiushenok,I (2580)-Pink,J (2685) Siegen 1992 Telechess CBM 89 [CCLA Record August 1949] ½-½ (44)]

[11.Bb3 c6 *(11...d5 12.Ba3 Re8 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Ne4 Ndf4 15.Nfg5 Be6 16.Nxe6 Nxe6 17.g3 Kh8 18.Qf3 f6 19.h4 Ngf8 20.Rad1 Qd7 21.Rfe1 Rad8 22.Bc4 h6 23.Qh5 Nh7 24.Kh2 Ba7 25.Rf1 Bb8 26.Nc5* Jonsson,H-Aziz Ortego,O Salou ESP 2018 CBM 85 ext [Lane, CCYB6] *)* 12.Nc4 Bc7 13.Bg5 d5 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.exd5 Bg4 16.Ne3 Bh5 17.dxc6 bxc6 18.bxc6 e4 19.dxe4 Nh4 20.Nd5 Qh6 21.Re1 Bxh2+ 22.Kf1 Ra7 23.Qd3 Bxf3 24.gxf3 Qxc6 25.f4 Qh6 Sikorova,J (2718)-Ronneland,D (2690) Linares 2023 200 Traps In The Opening [Nyback/Meyer,CD] 1-0 (32)]

[11.Ba2 c6 12.bxc6 bxc6 13.d4 Bg4 14.Bb2 Rb8 15.Qc2 Nh5 16.h3 Bc8 17.Ba3 Re8 18.Nc4 Bc7 19.Rad1 exd4 20.Rxd4 d5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Ne3 Nhf4 23.Bxd5 Qf6 24.Rfd1 Ne5 25.Nxe5 Bxe5 10. f4 Be4_11557 (2515)-Garpe (2460) Karvina 1995 Corr 2017 [Vives, G; de Dovitiis,A] ½-½]

11...exd4 12.cxd4 d5 0.60/20

[12...c6= 0.24/20]

13.exd5⩲ White is slightly better.

13...Nxd5 14.Qb3 c6 15.Re1 Nb4 16.Ne4 Threatens to win with Ne4-g5.

16...cxb5 1.24/24

[16...Bg4⩲ 0.61/19]

17.axb5± Bc1-a3 is the strong threat.

17...Bf5 18.Nfg5 Qd7 1.81/23

[18...Bxd4± 0.79/22 is a better defense. 19.Nxf7 Qc7]

19.Ba3 0.88/23

[19.Nxf7!+- 1.81/23 has better winning chances. Rxf7 20.Ng5]

19...Rad8 20.Bxb4 axb4 21.Nc5 -0.81/25

[21.Qxb4 Bxe4 22.Rxe4 Qf5=]

[21.Nxf7!± 1.36/24 Rxf7 22.Ng5]

21...Qc7 1.19/21

[21...Qxd4∓ -0.81/25 22.Nxf7 Rc8]

22.Rac1! &Bianco is much more active.

22...Nf4

[22...Rxd4? 23.Bxf7+ *(23.Na4 Qf4⩲)* 23...Kh8 24.Bxg6 hxg6 25.Nge6 Bxe6 26.Nxe6+-]

23.Bxf7+ 0.38/23

[23.Qxb4 Ba5 24.Nxf7 Bxb4=]

[23.Re5± 1.54/22 Bg6 24.Nce6! *(24.Qxb4 Qd6⩲)* 24...fxe6 25.Bxe6+ *(25.Nxe6 Nxe6 26.Bxe6+ Kh8±)* 25...Kh8 26.Rxc7 Bxc7 27.Re3 *(27.Rc5 Ra8∓)*]

23...Kh8!⩲

[23...Rxf7? 24.Nd3! Qd7 25.Nxf4+- *(25.Nxf7 Qxf7 26.Qxf7+ Kxf7∓)*]

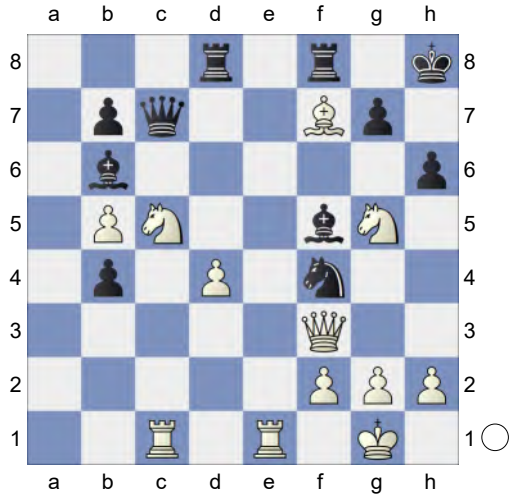
24.Qf3 -0.01/21

[24.Qe3⩲ 0.40/22 was preferrable. h6 25.Nce6! Nxe6 26.Rxc7 Nxc7 27.Qf3!]

24...h6⇄

[24...Rxd4? 25.Nce6 *(25.Qxb7? Qxb7 26.Nxb7 Nd3-+; 25.Nxb7*

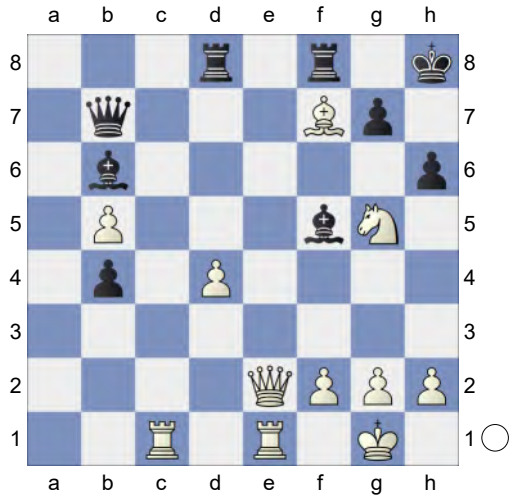
Qd7∓) 25...Qe7 26.Nxf8 *(26.Nxf4? Qxg5 27.g3 Rd2-+)* 26...Qxg5 27.h4 Nh3+ 28.Qxh3!! Qxc1 29.Rxc1+-]



Black has counterplay **25.Nxb7! Ne2+ 26.Qxe2** -0.52/22

[26.Kh1= 0.12/22 Nxd4 27.Rxc7 Nxf3 28.Nxf3 Bxc7 29.Nxd8 Rxd8 30.Bb3]

26...Qxb7∓



27.Rc6! -0.65/22 **Bxd4** And now ...Bf5-h7 would win. A strong pair of Bishops.

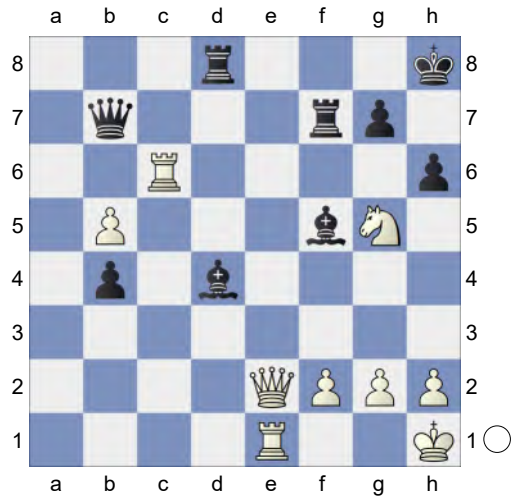
28.Kh1? -2.28/25

[28.Qh5∓ -0.31/23 Bh7 29.Rf1 Qxb5 30.Nxh7 Qxh5 31.Bxh5 Kxh7 32.Bg6+ Kh8 33.g3]

28...Rxf7?? 5.00/22

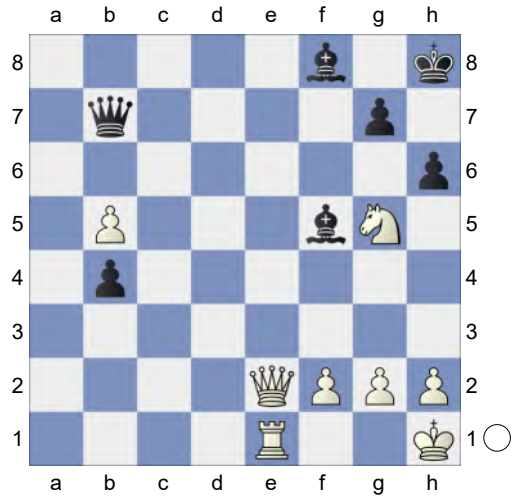
[28...hxg5? gets mated. 29.Qh5+ Bh7 30.Bg6 Bxf2 31.Qxh7#]

[28...Bh7-+ -2.28/25 avoids the disaster. 29.Qh5 *(29.Nxh7? Rxf7 30.f3 Bc3-+)* 29...Bxf2]



29.Rd6!!+- Rc8

[29...Rff8? 30.Rxd8 Bc5 31.Rxf8+ Bxf8



32.Qe8!]

[29...Rb8 30.Nxf7+]

30.Nxf7+ Qxf7 31.Rxd4 b3 32.b6 Rc2 8.40/24

[⌓32...Qf6 4.02/20 33.b7 Rb8]

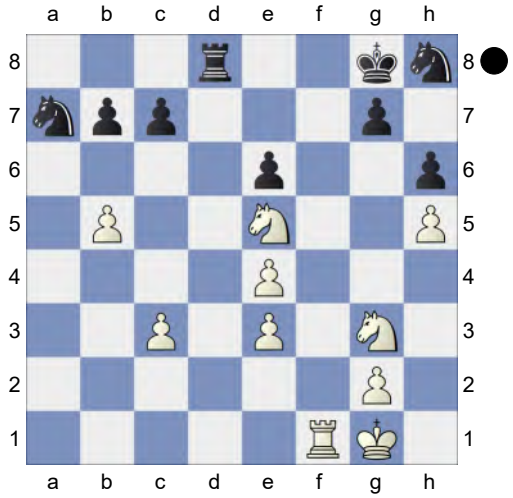
33.Qf3 White is clearly winning. **33...b2 34.b7**

[34.Rd8+ Kh7±]

34...Qf8 35.Rdd1 Rc5 36.Qb3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/ Black=0.48
1-0

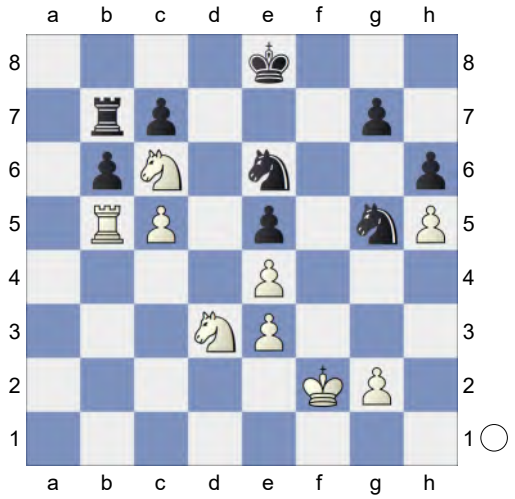
250 **C50**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2744**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2796**
SuperUnited CRO Blitz 2024 (15.1)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.c3 Bb6 6.a4**
[6.0-0 h6 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Bb3 a5 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 20.Nb1 Ne4 0-1 Gazi,M (2785)-Sudgen,J (2760) Simultaneous (Game 7) 2000 (1) 21.Nc3 Nxc3 22.Rxc3 Qd6 23.Rac1 Rf7 24.R1c2 Rf4 25.Re3 Qf6 26.Rd3 Re8 27.Rc5 Qd6 28.Rcc3 Rfe4 29.g3 Re2 30.Rd2 Rxd2 31.Qxd2 Qg6 32.Kg2 Qb1 33.Rc1 Qf5 34.Rc3 Qb1 35.h4 Re7 0-1 Firouzja,A (2785)-So,W (2760) Bucharest Superbet Classic 3rd 2023 (1)]
6...a6N
[6...Nf6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 #1 2) Italian - Fast & Furious-3...Bc5 4. d3 d6]
7.b4 h6 8.h3!? The position is equal. Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.
8...Nge7N
[Vorgänger: 8...Nf6 9.g4 -0.61/18 *(9.Nbd2= 0.20/20)* 9...0-0 0.74/22 *(9...d5∓ -0.61/18 stays ahead. 10.exd5 Nxd5)* 10.g5± hxg5 11.Bxg5 Na7? 3.77/20 *(11...a5± 0.95/19* was called for.*)* 12.a5+- Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 b6 14.Qg1 bxa5 1-0 Engels, J-Sluga,A Nova Gorica op 05th 2000 (2)]
9.Nbd2 Ng6 10.Nf1
[10.0-0 is more complex. Nf4 11.a5 Ba7 12.Nb3]
10...0-0 11.Ng3 Be6 12.Qb3 Bxc4 13.Qxc4 Nce7 14.0-0 Qd7 15.Be3 d5 16.Qb3 Bxe3 17.fxe3 Rad8 18.Rad1 dxe4 19.dxe4 Qe6 0.84/21
[19...Qc6= 0.24/22]
20.Qxe6± fxe6 21.h4 Nc6 22.h5 Nh8 23.b5 axb5 24.axb5 Na7 25.Nxe5 -0.06/23
[25.Rxd8± 0.76/22 Rxd8 26.Rb1 *(26.Nxe5 Nxb5 27.Rb1 Nd6=)*]
25...Rxf1+= 26.Rxf1



Black must now prevent c3-c4.
26...Nxb5 27.c4 Nd6 28.c5 Ndf7 29.Nf3 Ng5 0.54/24
[Black should try 29...Ra8= 0.01/23]
30.Rb1⩲ Rb8 31.Ne5 Threatens to win with Ne5-c6. **31...b6** 0.97/24
[31...Nhf7⩲ 0.55/24 feels stronger. 32.Nc6 Ra8 33.Rxb7 Kh7]
32.Nc6± Rb7 33.Rb4 0.26/25
[33.e5?! Nhf7⩲]
[33.Ne2± 1.10/24]

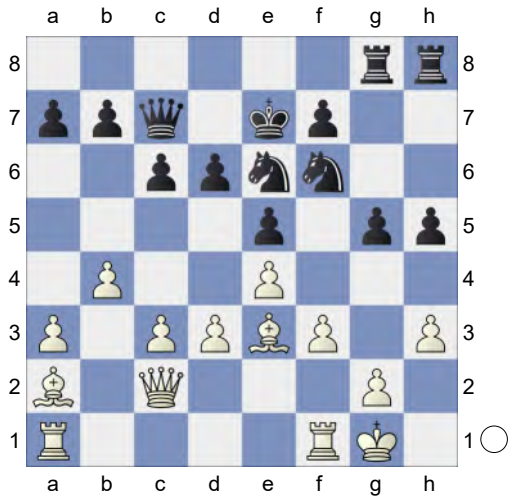
33...Nhf7= **34.Ne2** **e5** **35.Nc1** Strongly threatening Nc1-b3. **35...Ne6** **36.Nd3** **Kf8?** 5.76/24
[36...Nfd8± 0.33/24 37.Nxd8 *(37.Ncxe5 bxc5 38.Ra4 Kf8±)* 37...Nxd8]
37.Rb5? 0.32/25
[37.Ndxe5 Nxe5 *(37...Nxc5? 38.Nxf7* Remove Defender *Kxf7 39.Nd8+ Kg8 40.Nxb7+-)* 38.Nxe5 Nxc5∓]
[White should play 37.Ra4+- 5.76/24 g6 38.hxg6 bxc5 39.gxf7 Kxf7 40.Ncxe5+ *(40.Ndxe5+ Kg7+-)* 40...Ke8 41.Kh2]
37...Ke8 0.84/25
[37...Neg5!± 0.32/25]
38.Kf2± White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.
[38.Ndxe5? Nxe5 *(38...Nxc5? 39.Nxf7* Remove Defender *Kxf7 40.Rxc5+-)* 39.Nxe5 Nxc5∓]
38...Nfg5



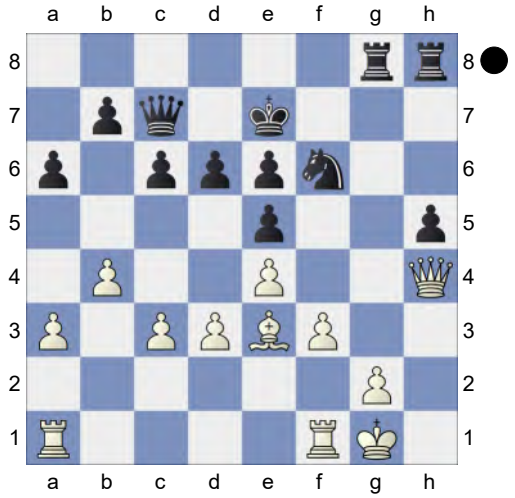
39.Rb4
[39.Ncxe5 Nxe4+ 40.Kf3 N4xc5= *(40...N6xc5 41.Rb2∓)*]
39...Nf7 **40.Kf3**
[40.Ncxe5 Nxe5 *(40...Nxc5 41.Nxc5* Pin *Nxe5 42.Rb1=)* 41.Nxe5 Nxc5∓]
40...Ned8 1.19/26 **41.Nxd8**
[41.Ndxe5?! bxc5 42.Rxb7 *(42.Nxf7? cxb4 43.Nfxd8 b3-+)* 42...Nxe5+ 43.Nxe5 Nxb7=]
41...Nxd8 **42.cxb6**
[42.Nxe5?! bxc5+- 43.Rc4 Ne6±]
42...cxb6 **43.Nxe5** Endgame. KRN-KRN
43...b5 Dodges Ne5-c4 **44.Kg4** **Nf7** 1.65/25
[44...Ke7± 0.74/23 is a better defense.]
45.Nf3+- e4-e5 would now be deadly.
45...Ke7? 3.24/24
[45...Nd6± 1.34/23 was necessary. 46.Nh4 Rb6]
46.Nd4? 0.41/26
[46.e5+- 3.24/24]
46...Nd6 4.86/26
[46...Kf6± 0.41/26]
47.e5 White is clearly winning.
[47.Kf4 Kf8 48.g4 Nc4+-]
47...Nc4 **48.Kf4**
[And not 48.Rxb5 Nxe3+ 49.Kf3 Rxb5 50.Nxb5 Nxg2=]
[48.Nxb5 Na3= *(48...Nxe3+ 49.Kg3∓)*]
48...Na3 **49.Rb3** **b4** **50.Nc6+** **Ke6** 13.17/26
[⌓50...Kd7 4.54/24]
51.Rxb4 4.37/24
[⌓51.Nd8+ 13.17/26 Kd5 52.Nxb7]
51...Rxb4+ **52.Nxb4** KN-KN **52...Nc4** **53.Nd3** **Kd5** **54.e4+** **Kd4** 11.76/27
[⌓54...Ke6 4.51/26 55.g3 *(55.Nc5+ Kf7+-)* 55...Nd2]
55.Ne1 **Kc5** **56.Nf3** **Kc6** **57.Nd4+** **Kd7** **58.Nf5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/Black=0.49
1-0

251 **C50**
□ **Anand,V.** **2743**
■ **Turner,Ma** **2441**
FIDE World Bl Team Pool B blitz (4.1)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.Nc3 Bg4** The old main line. The old main line.
7.h3 Bxf3
[7...Bh5 8.Nd5 Nd4 9.Bg5 Nxf3+ 10.gxf3 h6 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Re1 c6 13.Ne3 Bg6 14.Kf1 Qd7 15.Ng4 Qe7 16.Ke2 0-0-0 17.Qd2 f5 18.Ne3 f4 19.Ng2 f5 20.c3 fxe4 21.fxe4 f3+ 22.Kxf3 0-1 Kozicz,A (924)-Heliopolitanus (1337) TCh-SRB Premier Men 2011 (3)]
8.Qxf3 Nd4 Dodges Ne2 **9.Qd1 c6N** The position is equal.
[9...0-0 10.Ne2 b5 11.Nxd4 bxc4 12.Nf5 cxd3 13.cxd3 d5 14.Qf3 dxe4 15.dxe4 Qd7 16.Nxg7 Ne8 17.Nxe8 Rfxe8 18.Qg3+ Kf8 19.Bh6+ Ke7 20.Qxe5+ Qe6 21.Qxc5+ Qd6 22.Qg5+ Qf6 23.f3 Qxg5 24.Bxg5+ 1-0 Verhooren,A-Schulz,M JBL NO95/96 1995 (4.6) Ke6 25.Rfd1 f6 26.Bf4 c5 27.Rd6+ Kf7 28.Rad1 Kg6 29.Rd7 a5 30.g4 h5 31.R1d5 f5 32.exf5+ Kf6 33.R5d6+ Re6 34.Rxe6# 1-0 8.♕b3 ♘bd7 9.♗b4-Steiner,A City (m/11) 26/321 1978 (4.6)]
10.a3 h6 0.55/21
[10...0-0= 0.14/22]
11.Ba2±
[11.Be3 0.04/23 11.Ba2 0.49 0-0 12.Ba2 Na4 would now be deadly. a5 13.Kh1 b5 14.Ne2 Nxe2 15.Bxc5 dxc5 16.Qxe2 Qd6 17.g3 ½-½ Gorodetzky,M (2337)-Zanan,E (2475) ISR-chT Israel 2024 (9.21)]
11...g5 1.16/22
[11...a5= 0.28/22]
12.Na4± Bb6 13.c3 Ne6 14.Nxb6 Qxb6 15.b4 Ke7 1.69/20
[15...Qd8± 1.05/19]
16.Be3 Qc7 17.Qc2 1.03/18
[17.Bxe6+- 1.68/19 fxe6 18.a4]
17...Rag8 2.13/18
[17...Nf4± 1.03/18]
18.f3 1.08/19
[18.Bxa7 b6 19.Bxb6 *(19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Bxb6 Qxb6∓)* 19...Qxb6∓]
[18.d4+- 2.13/18]
18...h5? 2.84/20
[18...Nf4± 1.08/19 keeps fighting.]



19.Bxe6!+-
[19.Bxa7? b6 20.Rfd1 *(20.Bxe6? fxe6 21.a4 Qxa7-+)* 20...Nf4-+ *(20...Qxa7? 21.b5-+)*]
19...fxe6 20.Qf2? 1.06/19
[20.Bxa7? perishes. b6 21.a4 *(21.Qa4? Ra8-+)* 21...Qxa7-+]
[20.Qd2+- 2.86/19]
20...a6 2.23/20
[20...Ke8± 1.06/19]
21.h4 1.26/21
[Better is 21.Qd2+- 2.23/20]
21...gxh4± 22.Qxh4



Rg6 2.47/24
[22...Kf7± 1.40/22]
23.Bg5+- Qb6+? 3.72/23
[23...Rhg8 2.04/23 24.f4 *(24.Bxf6+ Rxf6 25.d4 exd4=)* 24...Ke8 *(24...exf4 25.Bxf6+ Kd7 26.Rxf4+-)*]
24.Kh1 Kf7 25.f4 White is clearly winning. **25...Rhg8** 8.43/22
[⌓25...Ng4 4.65/23 26.fxe5+ Discovered Attack (Check) Ke8 27.exd6 Rhg8]
26.Bxf6 Rxf6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=1.02
27.fxe5 Pin
1-0

252 **C50**
□ **Aronian,L.** **2742**
■ **Grischuk,A.** **2667**
Esports World Cup LC Lose blitz (3.1)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 CWN 18/1/1908 Played in a "FLS" corr. tourney; Peterson (Cork) v Kershaw (Luton) **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.h3 d6**
[5...0-0 6.Nc3 Na5 7.a3 Nxc4 8.dxc4 d6 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Qd3 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Nxg5 hxg5 13.Bxg5 Kg7 14.f4 exf4 15.Ne2 c6 16.b4 Be3 17.Rf1 Kg6 18.h4 Bxc4 19.Qxc4 d5 20.Qb3 1-0 Firouzja,A (2778)-Aronian,L (2759) Saint Louis 154/106 2022]
6.c3N
[6.Nc3 Ne7 *(6...a6 7.a3 Ba7 8.Be3 h6 9.d4 0-0 10.0-0 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Re8 14.f4 b5 15.Ba2 Bb7 16.Rae1 c5 17.Qd3 Qb6 18.Kh2 c4 19.Qf3 Qd4 20.Rd1 Qc5 21.Rfe1* 1-0 Dardha,D (2609)-Yurasova,D (2048) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early blitz 2022 (2) *Rad8 22.b4 cxb3 23.Bxb3 Qxa3 24.Nxb5 Qc5 25.Nc3 Rc8 26.Rd3 a5 27.Rde3 Qb4 28.Rb1 Qc5 29.Bxf7+ Kxf7 30.Rxb7+ Kg8 31.Rb5 Qc7 32.Nd5 Nxd5 33.Rxd5 Qxc2 34.Rxa5 Ra8 35.Rd5 Qc1 36.Rxd6* 1-0 Dardha,D (2606)-Ismayil,M (2002) Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Dec Late blitz 2022 (1) *)* 7.Be3 Bb6 8.a3 h6 9.Qd2 Be6 10.Qe2 c6 11.Bb3 Bxb3 12.cxb3 Ng6 13.g3 0-0 14.Rd1 Qe7 15.b4 Qe6 16.d4 d5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Qxe5 19.Bxb6 axb6 20.f4 Qe7 1-0 Peterson,N-Kershaw,W Four-Leaved Shamrock tourney 1907]
6...a6 7.Bb3 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.Nbd2 Qf6 12.Qe2 Rb8 13.0-0-0 -0.67/21
[13.Nf1= 0.15/20]
13...b5∓ 14.Bh2 b4 15.g4 -0.91/22
[15.Nxe5∓ -0.39/20 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Qxe5 *(16...dxe5 17.Qxh5 bxc3 18.bxc3=)* 17.Qxh5 bxc3 *(17...Bxf2 18.d4=)* 18.Qg6+ Qg7 19.Qxg7+ Kxg7 20.bxc3]
15...bxc3 -0.46/20

[15...Nf4∓ -0.91/22 16.Bxf4 bxc3 *(16...gxf4 17.g5±; 16...Qxf4 17.Rdg1∓)*]

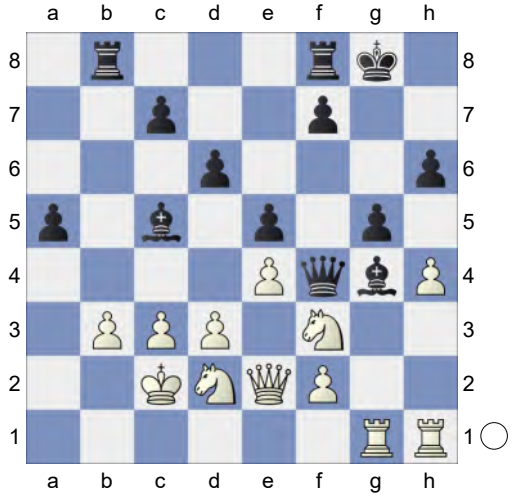
16.bxc3 Nf4 17.Bxf4 Qxf4

[17...gxf4?! 18.g5 Qe7 *(18...hxg5 19.Rdg1±)* 19.Rdg1±]

18.Rdg1 Na5 19.Kc2 Nxb3 -0.01/20

[19...Bd7∓ -0.47/21]

20.axb3= a5 21.h4 Bxg4



22.Rxg4! Qxg4 23.hxg5 f5? 6.71/19

[23...hxg5? 24.Rg1 Qe6 *(24...Qf4? 25.Rxg5+ Kh7 26.Qf1+-)* 25.Nxg5+-]

[23...a4= 0.01/20 24.b4 a3]

24.Rxh6? -0.01/19

[White must play 24.Rh4+- 6.71/19]

24...Kg7? 7.60/21

[24...fxe4= -0.01/19 25.Rg6+ Kh8 26.Rh6+ Kg7 27.Rg6+ Kh7 *(27...Kxg6? 28.Nxe5+ dxe5 29.Qxg4+-)* 28.Rh6+ Kg8]

25.exf5? 2.83/23

[25.Rh4 7.60/21]

25...Rxf5? 7.49/23

[25...Qxf5 2.83/23 26.Nh4 Qxg5 27.Rg6+ Qxg6 28.Nxg6 Kxg6]

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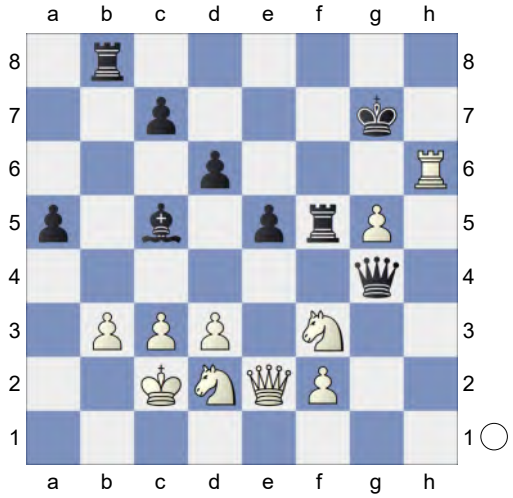


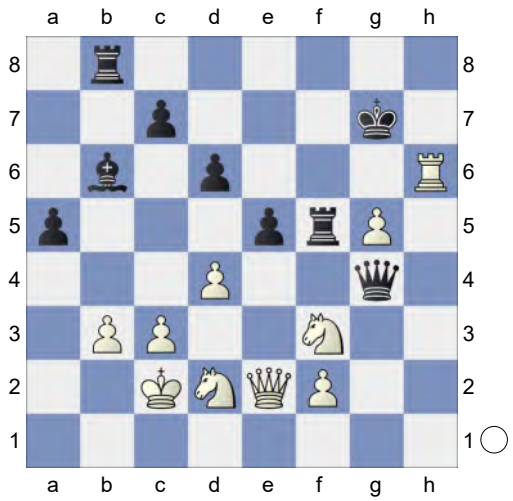
26.d4? 1.51/22

[26.Rh4!+- 7.49/23 and the rest is easy. Qg2 27.Qe4]

26...Bb6? 8.04/22

[26...exd4 27.Qe7+ Rf7 28.Rh7+ Kxh7 29.Qxf7+ Kh8 30.g6 d3+ 31.Kxd3]

[26...Rxf3± 1.51/22 27.Qxf3 *(27.Nxf3 Qf5+ 28.Qd3 e4=)* 27...Qxf3 28.Nxf3 exd4]



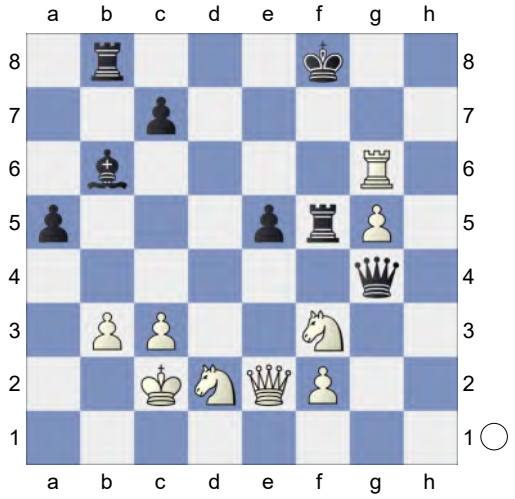
27.Rg6+? 1.37/20 **Kf8?** 5.24/21

[27...Kh7± 1.37/20 is tougher.]

28.dxe5+- dxe5 7.60/23

[28...Rd8 3.66/19 29.Qd3 Bxf2]

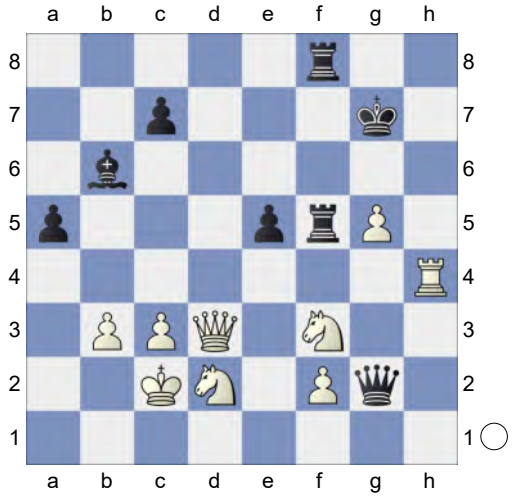
(Diagram)



29.Rh6? 2.37/22
[29.Qd3! 7.60/23 a4 30.Qd5 Rxf3 31.Rg8+ Skewer *(31.Qxf3+ Qxf3 32.Nxf3 axb3+ 33.Kb2 Bxf2=)* 31...Ke7 32.Rg7+ *(32.Nxf3? Rxg8 33.Qxg8 axb3+ 34.Kxb3 Qxf3-+; 32.Rxb8 Qf5+ 33.Ne4 Rxf2+ 34.Kb1 Rd2+-; 32.Qxe5+ Qe6±)* 32...Rf7 33.Qxf7+ *(33.Rxf7+ Ke8+-)* 33...Kd6 34.Rg6+ *(34.Nc4+ Kc6+-)* 34...Kc5 35.f3]

29...Kg7? 10.37/24
[29...Rd8 2.37/22]

30.Rh4 Qg2 31.Qd3 Rbf8



32.Nxe5 4.42/26 **Qxf2** 8.02/26
[⌓32...Qxg5 4.42/26 33.Rg4 Pin Rxe5]

33.Rh6 3.93/24
[33.Qd7+ R8f7 34.Nxf7 Rxf7±]
[⌓33.Qh3 8.02/26 Intending Rh7+ and mate. Rxe5 34.Rh7+ Kg6 35.Qh6+ Kf5 36.Qxf8+ Kg4 37.Qh6]

33...Be3 34.Rg6+ Kh8 5.41/25
[34...Kh7 3.68/28 was called for. 35.Qd7+ R8f7 36.Rh6+ *(36.Nxf7? Kxg6 37.Nh8+ Kxg5-+)* 36...Kg7 37.Nxf7 Rxf7]

35.Rh6+? -0.01/26
[White should play 35.Nef3+- 5.41/25 Bxd2 *(35...Rxf3 36.Rh6+ Kg8 37.Qh7#)* 36.Nxd2]

35...Kg7!=
[35...Kg8 36.Qd5+ R5f7 37.Rg6+ Kh8 38.Nxf7+ Kh7 39.Rh6+ *(39.Ne5 Qxd2+ 40.Qxd2 Bxd2+-)* 39...Kg8 40.Nh8+ *(40.Nd8+ Rf7+-)* 40...Rf7 41.Rg6+ *(41.Qxf7+ Qxf7 42.Nxf7 Kxf7+-; 41.Nxf7 Qxd2+ 42.Qxd2 Bxd2+-)* 41...Kxh8 42.Qa8+ *(42.Qh1+ Qh4 43.Qa8+ Rf8 44.Qxf8+ Kh7 45.Qg8#)* 42...Rf8 43.Qh1+]

36.Qd7+ R8f7 37.Nxf7 Rxf7 38.Qd3 Bxd2? 10.85/27
[38...Qf5 2.42/26 39.Ne4 Re7]

39.Qxd2?+- 3.80/30 Endgame KQR-KQR. White is a pawn up.
[39.Rh7+ Kg8 40.Qg6+ *(40.Qxd2? Kxh7 41.c4 Kg6-+)* 40...Kf8 41.Rh8+ Ke7 42.Qe4+ Kd6 43.Rh6+ Kd7 44.Qc6+ Kd8 *(44...Ke7 45.Qxc7+ Ke8 46.Qc8+ Ke7 47.Re6#)* 45.Rh8+ Rf8+-]
[39.Rg6+ 10.85/27 Kh7 40.Rf6+ Kh8 41.Rxf2 *(41.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 42.Kxd2 Rxf6+-)* 41...Rxf2 42.Qd4+ Kh7 43.Qxf2 Bxg5 44.Qh2+ Kg6 45.Qxc7]

39...Qf5+? 6.42/24
[39...a4 3.80/30 40.bxa4 Qxd2+

41.Kxd2 Rf5]

40.Kb2 Qe5 41.Qc2 Qxg5 42.Qh7+ 1.50/5

[42.Rh2+- 6.25/23 and White stays clearly on top.]

42...Kf8⇄ (→ ...Rf2+). Black is not holding back **43.Qh8+** The position is equal. **43...Ke7 44.Rh2** Inhibits Rf2+. **44...Qe3 45.Qh5 Rf2+ 46.Rxf2 Qxf2+=** KQ-KQ **47.Ka3 Qb6 48.Qe5+ Kd7 49.Qg7+ Kc6 50.Qg2+ Kd7 51.Qg4+ Kc6 52.Qe4+ Kd6 53.Qd3+ Kc6 54.Qd2 Qc5+ 55.Ka2 Kb6 56.Qe1 Qc6 57.Qe3+ Kb7 58.Qd2 Qb6 59.Qd5+ c6 60.Qd7+ Qc7 61.Qd4 Qb6 62.Qd2 Qc7 63.Qc2 Qb6 64.Qh7+ Qc7 65.Qh5 Qb6 66.Qf5 Qc7 67.Ka3 Qb6 68.Ka4 Qg1 69.Qd7+**

[But not 69.Qxa5?! Qa1+ 70.Kb4 Qe1±]

69...Kb6 70.Qd8+ Kb7 71.Kxa5 and Qd7+ should not be overlooked **71...Qc5+ 72.Ka4 Qxc3 73.Qd7+ Kb6 74.Qd8+ Kb7 75.Qe7+ Kb6** Black defended with fortune. Weighted Error Value: White=1.11/Black=1.14 **76.Qb4+** Loss on time!?

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253 **C49**

□ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2741**

■ **Liang,Awonder** **2687**

Wch Blitz New York (7) 30.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

C49: Four Knights: 4 Bb5 Bb4 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**

[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]

5...d6N

[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3)]

6.Nbd2 Bb6 7.0-0 0-0 8.h3 h6 9.Re1 Re8 10.Bb3 Ne7 11.Nf1 Ng6 12.Ng3 c6 13.d4 Be6 14.Bc2 Bc7 15.a4!? A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **15...a5 16.b3N**

[16.Be3 d5 17.exd5 0.36/26 *(17.Nxe5± 0.73/25 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.Bd4)* 17...Bxd5⩲ 18.Bxg6 fxg6 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.dxe5 Rxe5 21.Bd4 -0.01/24 *(21.Qc2⩲ 0.41/23 feels stronger.)* 21...Rxe1+= 22.Qxe1 ½-½ Karjakin,S (2785)-Anand,V (2779) Wch Blitz Doha 2016 (8)]

16...d5 17.exd5 White is slightly better. **17...Nxd5** 0.88/23

[17...Bxd5⩲ 0.34/25 18.Bxg6 Bxf3 19.Bxf7+ *(19.Qxf3 fxg6 20.dxe5 Bxe5=)* 19...Kxf7 20.Qxf3 *(20.gxf3 exd4 21.Rxe8 Qxe8∓)* 20...exd4 21.Rxe8 Qxe8]

18.Bxg6± fxg6 19.dxe5 Rf8 1.35/21

[19...Nxc3?! 20.Qc2+-]

[19...g5⩲ 0.60/20]

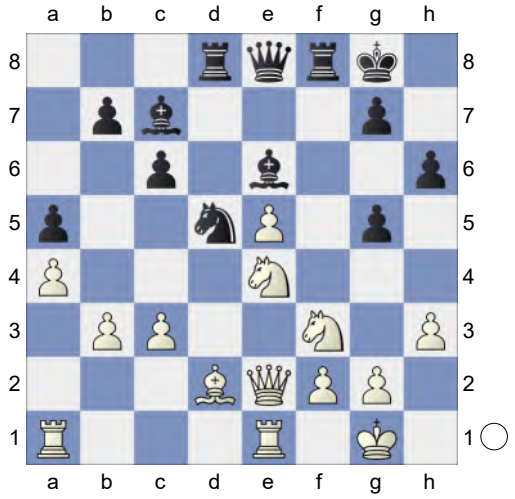
20.Bd2 0.58/21

[20.Ne4± 1.35/21]

20...Qe8 1.09/21

[20...Qe7⩲ 0.58/21]

21.Ne4 Rd8 22.Qe2 g5



23.Nd6! A dynamic duo of knights.

23...Qe7 24.Nd4 Bb6 25.f3 0.83/22

[⊿25.Qd3! 1.38/21]

25...Nf4 26.Bxf4 Rxf4 27.Rad1 Bxb3 1.38/23

[⊿27...Rdf8 0.77/22]

28.Rb1! Bxd4+? 2.78/25

[28...Qe6± 1.15/24]

29.cxd4+- Bd5 30.Rxb7 Qe6 31.Kh2? 0.41/20

[31.Qa6+- 3.24/23]

31...Rxd4? 2.01/23

[31...Rdf8!⩲ 0.41/20]

32.Qf2 0.72/24

[32.Qe3+- 2.01/23 c5 33.Ra7]

32...Rxa4 1.98/26

[32...c5± 0.72/24]

33.Qa7↑ 0.55/23 White has the initiative.

[33.Qb6+- 1.98/26 Rd7 *(33...Rxd6? 34.Qc7+-)* 34.Rb8+ Kh7 35.Qb1+ g6 *(35...Qg6? 36.Rh8+* Deflection *Kxh8 37.Qxg6+-)* 36.Ne8]

33...Qg6⩲ 34.e6 Rxd6?? 8.21/27

[34...Bxe6= 0.17/22 35.Rxe6 Qxe6 36.Rxg7+ Kf8 37.Rf7+ Kg8 38.Rg7+]

35.Qb8+ Kh7 36.Qxd6 Ra2 37.Qg3 Bxe6 38.Re5? 1.73/24

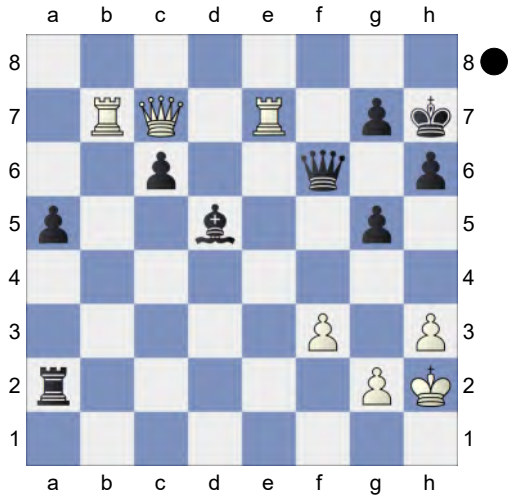
[38.Qc7 8.13/26 White threatens Rxe6! and mate. g4 39.Rxe6 Double Attack *(39.hxg4 Qg5+-; 39.fxg4 Bd5⩲; 39.Qxc6? gxh3 40.Qe4 Rxg2+ 41.Kh1 Bd5-+)*]

38...Bd5 6.45/27

[38...Qf6 1.73/24 39.Rc7 Bd5]

39.Ree7+- Qf6 40.Qc7? -0.81/29

[White should try 40.Rbd7+- 6.80/23 Qf8 41.h4]



40...Rxg2+! -0.13/5 **41.Kh1=**

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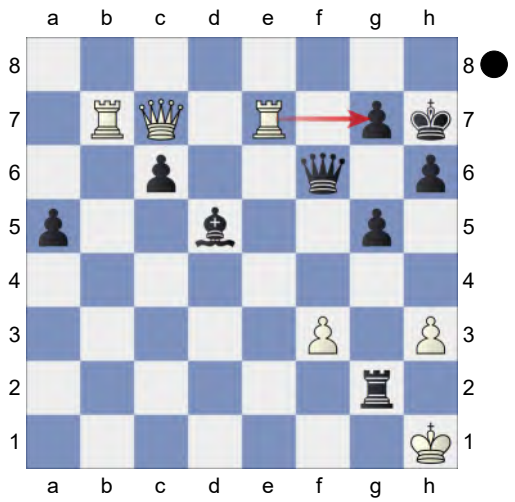
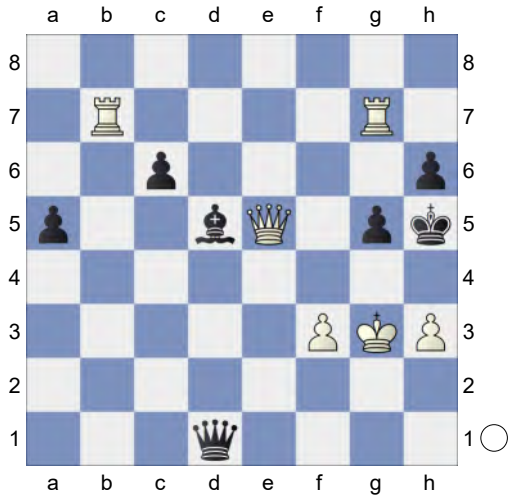


Rg1+! 6.55/5 **42.Kxg1+- Qd4+ 43.Kg2 Qd2+ 44.Kg3 Kg6 45.Qe5** 8.61/28
[⌓45.Rxg7+ #21/28 Kh5 46.Qe5 Bf7 47.Rgxf7 Qc1 48.Rb2 *(48.Qxa5? Qg1#)* 48...Qg1+ 49.Rg2 Qd1 50.Rg7 *(50.Qxa5 Qd6+ 51.f4 Qd3+ 52.Kh2 Kg6+-)*]
45...Qd1 46.Rxg7+ Kh5



Weighted Error Value: White=0.87/Black=1.19 **47.Rxg5+!!**
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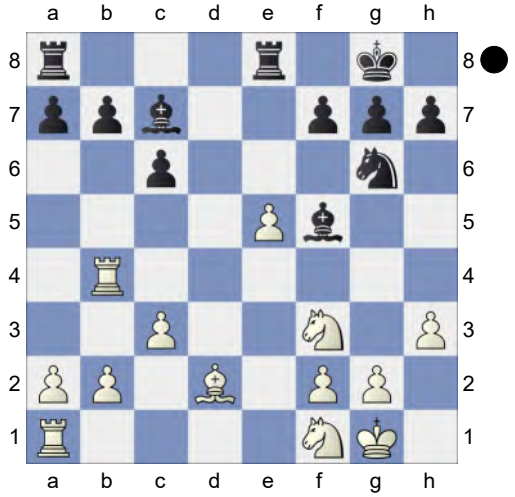
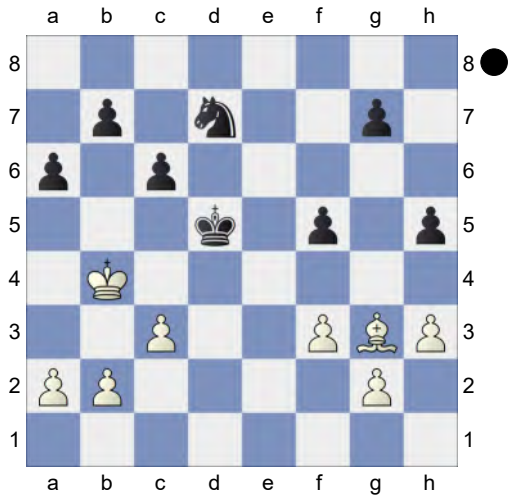
254 **C54**
□ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2741**
■ **Sevian,Samuel** **2692**
American Cup Elim (2.6) 19.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...d6N
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3)]
6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1 Bb6 7...Bb6 is the modern continuation. 7...Lb6 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **8.h3** Wards off Ng4 **8...Ne7 9.d4 Ng6 10.Bd3 Re8**

11.Nbd2 c6 12.Nf1 d5 13.dxe5 -0.41/23
[13.Bg5± 0.32/22]
13...Nxe4∓ 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Qxd8 Bxd8N
[15...Rxd8 16.Rxe4 Rd1 17.g4 -1.03/23 *(17.Re1∓ -0.55/23 Rxe1 18.Nxe1)* 17...Be6 18.c4 -2.38/23 *(18.Re1∓ -1.04/22* only move. *Rxe1 19.Nxe1)* 18...a5 -1.24/19 *(18...Rad8-+ -2.38/23 19.Kg2 R8d3)* 19.b3? -3.53/24 *(19.Kg2∓ -1.24/19* was necessary.*)* 19...a4-+ 20.b4 a3 Prevents Bb2 21.Kg2 Ra4 -2.25/20 ;0-1 Vyprachticky,D (2332)-Simek,P (2298) CZE-chT1W 2122 2021 (1.5) *(⌓21...Rad8* -4.11/21 *22.Ng3 R8d3)*]
16.Rxe4 Bc7 17.Bd2 Bf5 18.Rb4 -0.87/22
[18.Re2∓ -0.48/22]



18...Rab8 -0.41/21
[18...b6!∓ -0.87/22]
19.Ng3 -0.81/23
[19.Ne3∓ -0.41/21 Bd3 20.a4]
19...Be6 20.Ng5 Nxe5 0.01/21
[Black should play 20...Bd5∓ -0.79/22 Strongly threatening ...a5!. 21.Ra4 Nxe5 *(21...Rxe5 22.c4∓)*]
21.Nxe6= Rxe6 22.Re4 Rbe8 23.Be3 -0.49/22
[23.Bf4= -0.01/21 might be stronger.]
23...a6 -0.04/23
[23...g6!∓ -0.49/22]
24.Rd1 h6 0.58/22
[24...g6= -0.24/22]
25.Nf5± Kh7 Black is weak on the dark squares **26.Bf4** 0.06/21
[26.Kf1± 0.53/20]
26...Bb8 0.42/23
[26...Kg6= 0.06/21 27.Ne3 f5]
27.Rde1? -6.65/22
[27.Kf1± 0.42/23]
27...Ng6? 0.01/27
[27...Nd3-+ -6.65/22 28.Rxe6 fxe6 29.Rxe6 Rxe6 30.Bxb8 Nxb2]
28.Rxe6= Rxe6 29.Rxe6
[29.Bxb8? perishes. Rxe1+ 30.Kh2 Re2-+]
29...fxe6 30.Bxb8 exf5 Endgame KB-KN **31.Kf1 Kg8 32.Ke2 Kf7 33.Kd3 Ke6 34.Kc4 Nf8 35.Kb4** -0.45/27
[35.b3= 0.12/25]
35...Nd7∓ 36.Bc7 Kd5 37.f3 h5 38.Bg3 -0.93/25
[38.b3∓ -0.40/28]



38...g6 -0.04/27
[38...c5+!∓ -0.93/25 39.Ka5 Kc4]
39.h4 c5+ 40.Ka5 The position is

equal. **40...Kc6** With the idea ...Nb6. **41.c4 Nf8**

[41...Nb6!? 42.b3□ Nd7=]

42.Ka4 Ne6 43.Be5 Nd8 44.Kb3 Nf7 45.Bf4 Kd7 46.Kc3 Nd8 47.Kd3 Ne6 48.Be5 Kc6 49.Kc3 Kd7 50.b3 Kc6 51.a3 a5 52.Kd3 b6 53.Ke3 Kd7 54.Bf6 Kc6 55.Bc3 Kd7 56.Kf2 Kc6 57.Be5 Kd7 58.Ke3 Kc6 59.g3 Kd7 60.Kf2 Kc6 61.Ke2 Kd7 62.Ke3 Kc6 63.Kf2 Kd7 64.g4 Kc6

[64...fxg4 65.fxg4 hxg4 66.Kg3±]

65.gxh5 gxh5 66.Ke2 Kd7 67.Kd3 Kc6 68.Kc3 Kd7 69.b4 axb4+ 70.axb4 cxb4+ 71.Kxb4 Kc6 72.Kc3 Kd7 73.Bg3 Kc6 74.Bf2 Kc7 75.Kb4 Kc6 76.Be3 Nf8 77.Kc3 Ne6 78.Kd3 Kc7 79.Kc3 Kc6 80.Kb4 Nf8 81.Bd4 Ne6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.29 (precise) **82.Be3 ½-½**

255 **C54**

□ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2741**

■ **Oparin,Grigoriy** **2662**

ch-2024 Saint Louis USA (8.3) 19.10.24

[Kitty Kat]

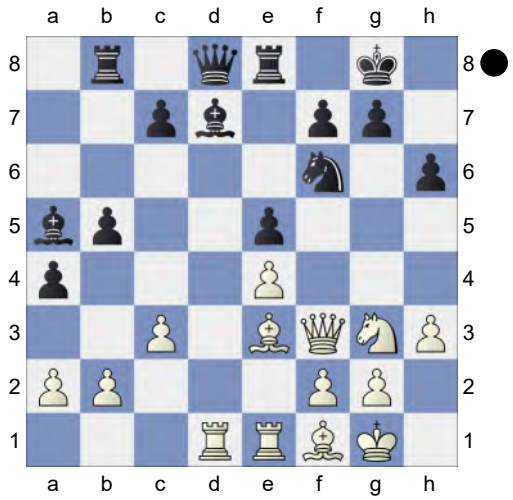
C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 a5 7.Re1 h6 8.Nbd2 0-0** White is slightly better. **9.h3 Bd7N**

[9...Be6 10.Bb5 Bb6 11.Nc4 Bc5 12.Ncd2 Bb6 13.Nf1 Ne7 14.d4 exd4 15.cxd4 d5 16.e5 Ne4 17.Ng3 Nxg3 18.fxg3 c6 19.Bd3 Nf5 20.Bxf5 Bxf5 21.Be3 Be4 22.Nd2 Bg6 23.Bf2 a4 24.a3 ½-½ Niemann, H (2675)-Tari,A (2635) Titled Tuesday intern op 13th Feb Late Chess.com INT blitz 2024 (5)]

10.Nf1 a4 11.d4 Bb6 12.Ng3 Re8 13.Bf1 Ba5 14.dxe5

[14.Qxa4? loses. Bxc3-+]

14...Nxe5 15.Be3 b5 16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.Qf3 Rb8 18.Rad1

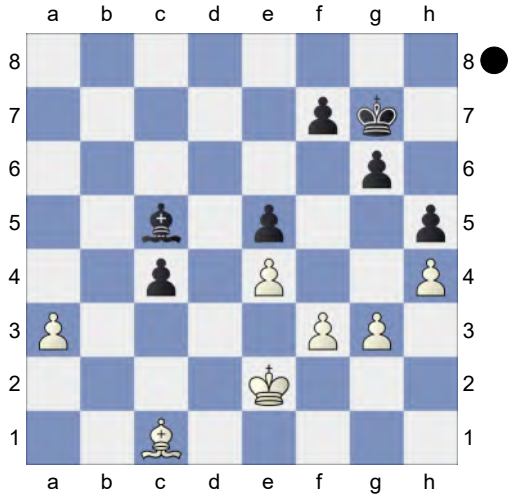


Hoping for Nf5. **18...Qe7!** The position is equal. **19.a3 Be6 20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.Qxf5 c6**

[21...g6!? 22.Qf3□ Kg7=]

22.Rd3 g6 23.Qf3 Kg7 24.Red1 Red8 Repels Rd6 **25.g3 Rxd3 26.Bxd3 Bb6 27.Bc1 Rd8 28.Kg2 Ne8 29.h4 Qe6 30.Qe2 Nd6 31.Bc2 h5 32.Bg5 Rd7 33.Rd3 Ne8 34.Rxd7 Qxd7 35.b3 axb3 36.Bxb3 Bd8 37.Bc1 Nf6 38.f3 Bb6 39.Qd2 Qxd2+ 40.Bxd2=** Endgame. KBB-KBN **40...Ne8 41.c4 Bc5 42.cxb5 cxb5 43.Bc1 Nd6 44.Kf1 Nc4 45.Bxc4 bxc4** KB-KB **46.Ke2**

(Diagram)



a4 would now be deadly. **46...Kf6 47.a4** Black must now prevent a5. **47...Ke6 48.a5** And now Be3 would win. **48...Kd7 49.Be3 Bb4 50.a6** Strongly threatening a7. **50...Kc6 51.f4 exf4 52.gxf4 Be7 53.Bf2**

[53.a7!? Kb7□ 54.Bf2±]

53...Bd6 54.f5

[54.a7!? Kb7□ 55.f5=]

54...gxf5 55.exf5 Be7 56.Kf3

[56.a7!? Kb7□ 57.Kd2=]

56...Bf6 57.Ke4

[57.a7!? Kb7□ 58.Ke2=]

57...Kc7 58.Kf3

[58.a7!? Kb7□ 59.Kf3=]

58...Kc6 59.Ke2

[59.a7!? Kb7□ 60.Ke2±]

59...Be7 60.Kd2 aiming for Kc3.

[60.a7!? Kb7□ 61.Kd2±]

60...Bf6 61.Kc2 Kc7 62.Kd2

[62.a7!? Kb7□ 63.Kd1=]

62...Kc6 63.Kc2 Kc7 64.Kd2

[64.a7!? Kb7□ 65.Kc1=]

64...Kc6 65.Kc2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)

½-½

256 **C54**

□ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2741**

■ **So,Wesley** **2748**

American Cup Champ (1.2) 17.03.2025

[Kitty Kat]

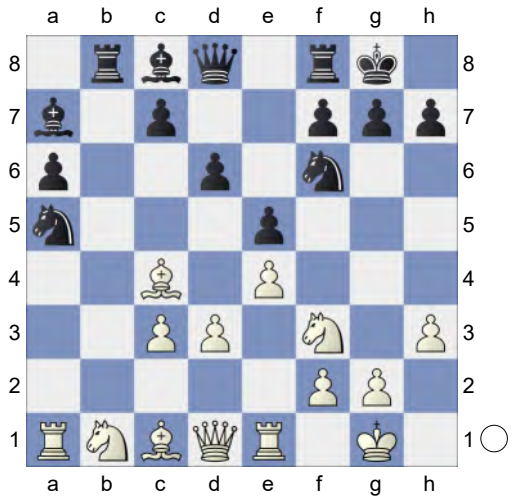
C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 a6 7.a4** 7.Re1 is setting a new trend. 7. Te1 setzt einen neuen Trend. **7...Ba7 8.Re1 0-0 9.h3 b5**

[9...h6 10.Nbd2 Nh5 11.Nf1 Qf6 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Nxe3 Nf4 14.Kh2 Be6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Rf1 g5 17.Ng1 Rae8 18.b4 Ne7 19.b5 a5 20.b6 cxb6 21.Rb1 Nc8 22.Nc4 Qd8 23.g3 Ng6 24.Qb3 1-0 Donchenko,A (2676)-Heimann,A (2552) EU-Cup 38th Durres 2023 (5. 1)]

10.Bb3 b4 11.a5 Rb8 The position is equal. **12.Bc4N**

[12.Nbd2 Be6 13.Bc2 h6 14.Nf1 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Bd2 b3 17.Bb1 Qd6 18.Qe2 Rbe8 19.Ra3 f5 20.Nxe5 Bd7 21.d4 Nxd4 22.cxd4 Bxd4 23.Rxb3 Rxe5 24.Qc4 Rxe1 25.Bxe1 Re8 26.Bb4 Qe5 ½-½ Vachier Lagrave,M (2791)-Aronian,L (2809) 5th Sinquefield Cup 2017 (5.1) 27.Rd3 Bb5 28.Qxd4 Bxd3 29.Qxd3 Nxb4 30.Qc4+ Nd5 31.Ba2 Kh7 32.Qxd5 Qxd5 33.Bxd5 Re5 34.Bc4 Rxa5 35.f4 Ra1 36.Kf2 a5 37.Nd2 Kg6 38.Bd3 Kf6 39.Nc4 a4 40.g4 fxg4 41.hxg4 Ke6 ½-½ 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 ♘c6 (2791)-C 06/ 30 (2809) cr AR ch 1984 (5.1) 42.Be4 Rc1 43.Ne3 Ra1 44.Nc4 Rc1 45.Ne3 Ra1 ½-½ 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 ♘c6 (2791)-C 06/30 (2809) cr AR ch 1984 (5.1)]

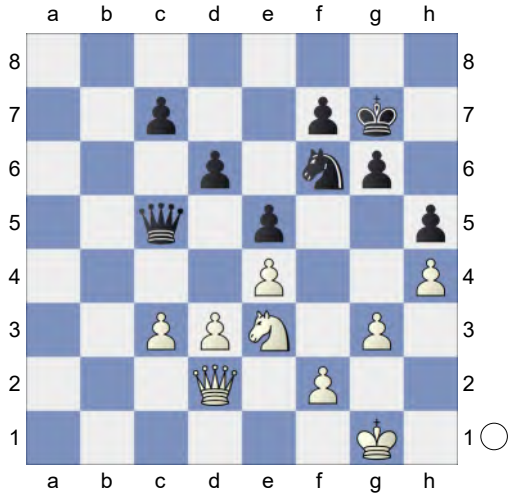
12...bxc3 13.bxc3 Nxa5



Deflection **14.Rxa5 Rxb1 15.Qc2 Rb8 16.Bxa6N**

[16.d4 Bb6 17.Ra3 Qe7 18.Bxa6 Bxa6 19.Rxa6 Ra8 20.Qa4 Rxa6 21.Qxa6 exd4 22.e5 ½-½ Gascon del Nogal,J (2476)-Pap,M (2478) ESP-chT CECLUB Div1 2018 (7.1)]

16...Bb6 17.Ra3 Bxa6 18.Rxa6 h6 19.Nd2 Ra8 20.Rxa8 Qxa8 21.Nc4 Bc5 22.Be3 Bxe3 23.Nxe3 Rb8 24.Rb1 Rxb1+ 25.Qxb1= Endgame KQN-KQN **25...g6 26.g3 Kg7 27.h4 Qa3 28.Qc2 h5 29.Qd2 Qc5**



30.Nf5+! gxf5 31.Qg5+ Kf8 32.Qxf6 fxe4 33.Qd8+ Kg7 34.Qg5+ Kf8 35.Qd8+ Kg7 36.Qg5+ Kf8

An even fight not without its subleties. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)

37.Qd8+

½-½

257 **C54**

□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2740**

■ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu**

London TechM GCL rapid (8.3) 09.10.24

[Kitty Kat]

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[9.Be3± 0.32/19 g5 10.Nh2 Rg8 11.Ng4 Nxg4 12.hxg4 Qf6 13.Nd2 h5 14.gxh5 g4 15.Bxa7 Nxa7 16.g3 Bd7 17.f4 0-0-0 18.Kg2 Be6 19.Qe2 Qh6 20.Qf2 Nc6 21.Bd5 Bxd5 22.exd5 Ne7 23.c4 Qxh5 24.Rh1 1-0 Oksalahti,P (2213)-Atis,H (2268) Magyarorszag 73/389 1998 (3) Qg6 25.Ne4 exf4 26.Qxf4 f5 27.Rh6 Qg7 28.Nc3 Ng6 29.Qxf5+ Kb8 30.Qg5 Rdf8 31.Re1 Qf7 32.Qe3 Ne5 33.Ne4 Qf3+ 34.Qxf3 gxf3+ 35.Kf1 Nxd3 36.Re3 Ne5 37.Nf6 Rg7 38.Re4 Ka7 39.g4 1-0 Mueer,S (2213)-Knuedel,T (2268) Niedersachsen-ch 2023 (3)]

[9.Nbd2 g5 10.Re1 g4 11.hxg4 Nxg4 12.Re2 Qf6 13.Nf1 Rg8 14.Rc2 Bd7 15.b4 Qg6 16.Be3 Nxe3 17.fxe3 a5 18.Rf2 Rg7 19.Qb3 0-0-0 20.Bd5 Ne7 21.Rb1 Nxd5 22.bxa5 Nb6 23.axb6 cxb6 1-0 Quinn,R (2133)-Keller,P (2358)

Dublin Irish New Year IM 2023 (6)]
[9.Re1 g5 10.Nh2 g4 11.hxg4 h5 12.g5 Ng4 13.Rf1 Qe7 14.Nf3 Rg8 15.b4 Be6 16.Na3 f6 17.Qb3 Nd8 18.d4 fxg5 19.b5 Qf6 20.a5 axb5 21.Nxb5 Bb8 22.dxe5 Nxe5 23.Nxe5 Qxe5 1-0 Salinas Cardenas,R (2524)-5.dc5 ♗c5 6.♗f4_52057 (2609) corr 82/(210) 2001]

9...g5= 10.Nh2 Rg8 11.Be3N
[11.Ng4 Nxg4 12.hxg4 Rg6 0.90/21 *(12...Rh8= -0.01/21)* 13.Nc2 0.01/23 *(13.Be3!± 0.90/21)* 13...Qe7? 1.53/19 (Black should try *13...Qd7=* 0.01/23) 14.Be3± Be6 15.Ba2 1.15/23 *(15.b4 1.53/20)* 15...Bxa2± 16.Rxa2 Qe6 17.Ra3 1-0 Foinikianaki,S (1474)-Koutsouraki,A (1420) GRE-ch U18 Girls 2019 (5)]

11...g4 12.Bxa7
[12.Bxh6? gxh3 13.g3 Rxg3+ 14.Kh1 Rg2-+]

12...Nxa7 0.79/22
[12...gxh3!∓ -0.36/21 stays ahead. 13.Be3 Rxg2+ 14.Kh1 Ng4 15.Nxg4 Bxg4]

13.h4± Nc6 14.b4 0.38/21
[14.Qd2± 0.75/19]

14...Be6 0.78/21
[14...Ne7⩲ 0.38/21]

15.Qd2 h5 16.f4 0.64/20
[White should try 16.g3± 1.17/20]

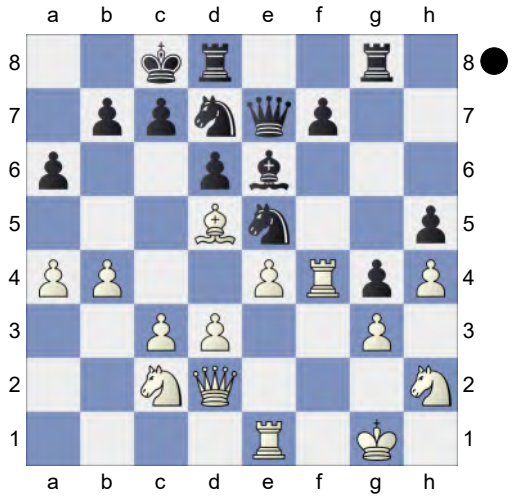
16...Qe7⩲ 17.Rae1 0.21/21
[17.Bxe6⩲ 0.64/21 fxe6 18.b5]

17...Nd7 1.15/24
[17...0-0-0= 0.21/21]

18.g3 -0.01/22
[18.d4± 1.15/24]

18...exf4= 19.Rxf4 Nce5 20.Bd5 -1.17/20
[20.Bxe6= 0.17/21 keeps the balance. fxe6 21.d4]

20...0-0-0∓ 21.Nc2 -2.00/23
[21.d4∓ -0.75/21 Nf3+ 22.Nxf3 gxf3 23.Qf2]

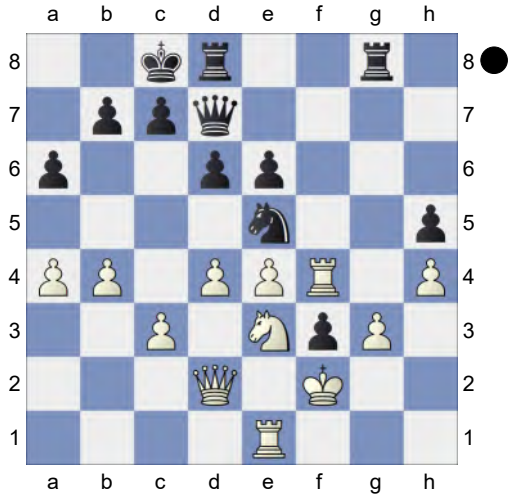


21...Nf3+! -1.00/22 **22.Nxf3 gxf3** Black converts the advantage convincingly. **23.Kf2** -2.18/23
[23.Kh2!∓ -0.62/23]

23...Ne5-+ 24.Ne3 d4 would now be deadly. **24...Qd7**
[24...c6 25.Bc4∓]

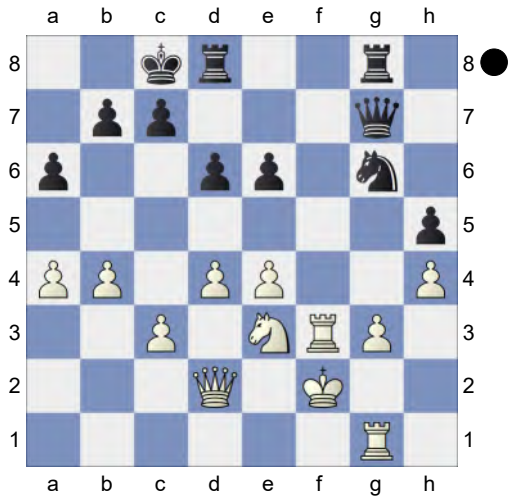
25.Bxe6 -3.82/24
[25.Rg1∓ -1.40/21]

25...fxe6 26.d4



Qg7 27.Rg1
[27.Nf1 Ng6]

27...Ng6 28.Rxf3 -7.28/22
[28.Qe1 -3.77/22 Nxf4 29.gxf4]



28...Nxh4! Pin **29.Rf4**
[29.b5 axb5]
29...Rdf8 30.Qd1 Qg5 31.Rxf8+ Rxf8+ 32.Ke2 Rf3
[32...Nf3 33.Rg2∓]
33.Qc1 Rxg3 34.Rxg3 Qxg3 Endgame KQN-KQN. Black is a pawn up. **35.Qf1 Ng6** Inhibits Qf8+. **36.Kd2** -8.32/23
[⊼36.Qf2 -4.33/22 Qg5 *(36...Nf4+ 37.Kf1∓)* 37.Qf3]
36...Nf4 37.b5 axb5 38.axb5 h4 39.b6 h3 40.d5 h2
[40...cxb6? 41.dxe6 Qh2+ *(41...Nxe6 42.Qf5∓)* 42.Ke1-+]
41.dxe6 h1Q Deflection
[41...cxb6 42.e7 Kd7 43.Qb5+ Kc7 *(43...Kxe7?* too greedy. *44.Nf5+ Kd8 45.Nxg3+-)* 44.Qc4+ Kd7 45.Qa4+ *(45.Qb5+ Kc7=)* 45...Kc7 *(45...Kxe7? 46.Nf5+ Kd8 47.Nxg3+-)* 46.Qc4+ Kd7 47.Qa4+ Kc7 48.Qc4+=]
42.Qxh1 Qf2+
[And not 42...cxb6 43.Qh8+ Kc7 44.Nd5+ Nxd5 45.exd5=]
43.Kc1 Qxe3+ 44.Kc2 Nxe6
[44...cxb6 45.Qh8+ Kc7 46.Qh7+ Kb8 47.e7 Qe2+ 48.Kb3 Qb5+ 49.Kc2=]
45.Qh8+ Kd7 46.Qh7+ Kc6 47.bxc7 Nxc7 48.Qf5 Qe2+ 49.Kc1 Qc4 50.Kd2 Qc5 51.Qg6 Nb5 52.Qe8+ Kb6 53.Qd8+ Qc7 54.Qf8 Qxc3+ 55.Kd1 Qd3+ 56.Kc1 Qc4+ 57.Kd1 Qc6 Threatens to win with ...Nc3+. **58.Qd8+ Qc7 59.Qg8 Nc3+ 60.Kc2 Nxe4+ 61.Kb1 Nc5 62.Qc4 Qc6** (→ ...Qb5+) **63.Qh4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.81/Black=0.31 **63...Qe4+ 0-1**

258 **C50**
□ **Duda,J.** **2739**
■ **Bok,B.** **2591**
Chess.com Classic Pl/In m blitz (1.3)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.Re1 d6**
[5...0-0 6.c3 Qe7 7.d4 exd4 8.e5 Ng4 9.cxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qh4 11.Be3 Qxh2+ 12.Kf1 Qh1+ 13.Ke2 Qxg2 14.Rg1 Nxe3 15.Kxe3 Bxd4+ 16.Kxd4 Qxf2+ 17.Kc3 Qe3+ 18.Bd3 Qxe5+ 0-1 Osmel Garcia-Tudela Gonzalez,V BEL-ch55 corr8891 1988]
6.c3 0-0 7.Bb3N
[7.d4 Bb6 8.dxe5 Ng4 9.Re2 Ngxe5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Qb3 Qh4 12.Be3 Bg4 13.Re1 Nf3+ 0-1 Dessauer,D-Aguirre,J Santiago (Chili) 1999]
7...a6 8.d4 Ba7 9.h3 The position is equal. **9...h6** 0.61/20 Repels Bg5
[9...Re8= 0.11/22]
10.Be3± Re8 11.Nbd2 exd4 12.Bxd4 0.21/23
[12.cxd4± 0.78/22 Nxe4 13.Nxe4

Rxe4 14.Bc2]

12...Nxd4= 13.cxd4 b5 14.Qc2! Bb7 15.Rad1 0.01/21

[White should play 15.e5!± 0.78/24 dxe5 16.dxe5]

15...c5 16.dxc5 dxc5 0.50/22

[Black should try 16...Rc8= -0.07/24]

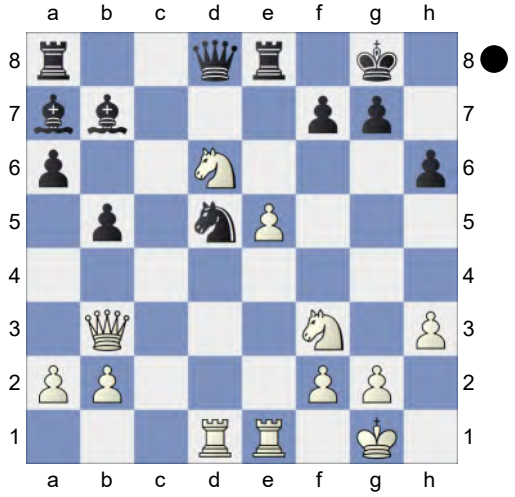
17.e5!± Nd5 18.Ne4 -0.78/21

[18.Qe4± 0.51/23 keeps the upper hand.]

18...c4∓ and ...Qe7! should not be overlooked **19.Nd6 cxb3** -0.10/21

[19...Qd7∓ -0.85/24 20.Bxc4 bxc4 21.Nxe8 Rxe8 22.Qxc4 Qc8 23.Qxc8 Rxc8]

20.Qxb3=



Qb6 1.60/27 **21.Rxd5±** Active counter play! This costs Black the game.

21...Qxf2+ 2.57/27

[21...Bxd5± 1.15/23 22.Qxd5 Qxf2+ 23.Kh1 Rf8]

22.Kh1+- Bxd5 23.Qxd5 Rf8 24.Nxf7 Deflection. Excellent horsemanship.

24...Kh7 9.36/23

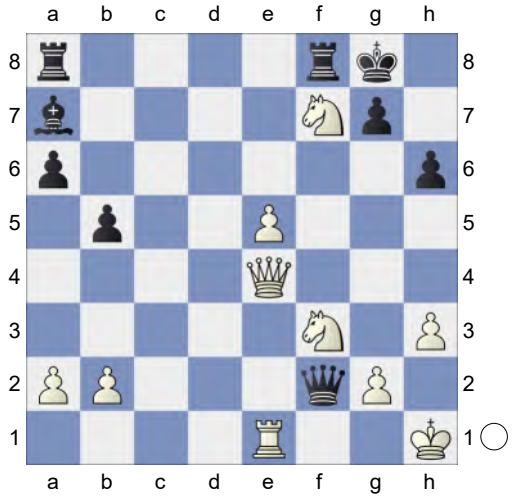
[24...Rxf7 2.34/22 25.Qxa8+ Rf8]

25.Qe4+

[25.e6 Bc5±]

25...Kg8

(Diagram)



26.Nxh6+! gxh6

[26...Kh8 27.Nf7+]

27.Qg6+ Kh8 28.Qxh6+

[28.Qxa6? Qxe1+ *(28...Qxb2? 29.Qxh6+ Kg8 30.Qg6+ Kh8 31.Ng5+-)* 29.Nxe1 Rf1+ 30.Kh2 Bg1+ *(30...Rxe1? 31.Qxh6+ Kg8 32.Qg6+ Kf8 33.Qf5+ Ke8 34.Qh5+ Kd7 35.Qf7+ Kc8 36.Qe6+ Kb7 37.Qd5+* Deflection *Kc7 38.Qxa8+-)* 31.Kg3 Rxa6-+]

28...Kg8 29.Re4

[29.Qxa6? Qxe1+ *(29...Qxb2 30.Qg6+ Kh8 31.Ng5)* 30.Nxe1 Rf1+ 31.Kh2 Bg1+ *(31...Rxe1? 32.Qg6+ Kf8 33.Qf5+ Ke8 34.Qh5+ Ke7 35.Qh4+ Ke6 36.Qxe1+-)* 32.Kg3 Rxa6-+]

29...Qg3 Wards off Qg6+ **30.Rg4+**

[30.Qxa6? Rxf3 31.Qe6+ Kf8 32.Qh6+ Ke7 33.Qd6+ Kf7-+]

30...Qxg4 31.hxg4 Rf7 32.Qg6+

[32.Qxa6? Rh7+ 33.Nh2 Rxh2+ 34.Kxh2 Bg1+ 35.Kxg1 Rxa6-+]

32...Rg7 33.Qe6+

[33.Qxa6? Rh7+ 34.Nh2 Rxh2+ 35.Kxh2 Bg1+ 36.Kxg1 Rxa6-+]

33...Kh8 34.Kh2

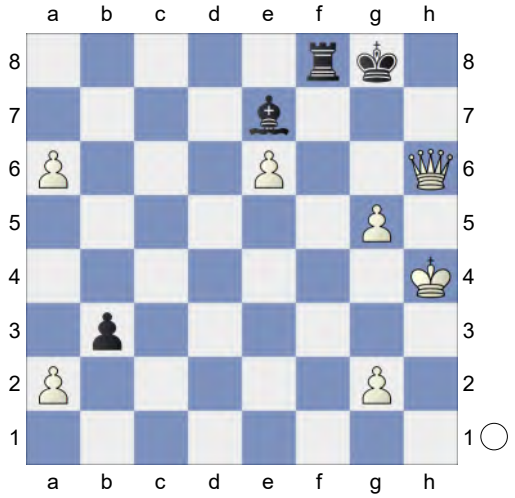
[34.Qxa6? is the wrong capture. Rh7+ 35.Nh2 Rxh2+ 36.Kxh2 Bg1+

37.Kxg1 Rxa6-+]

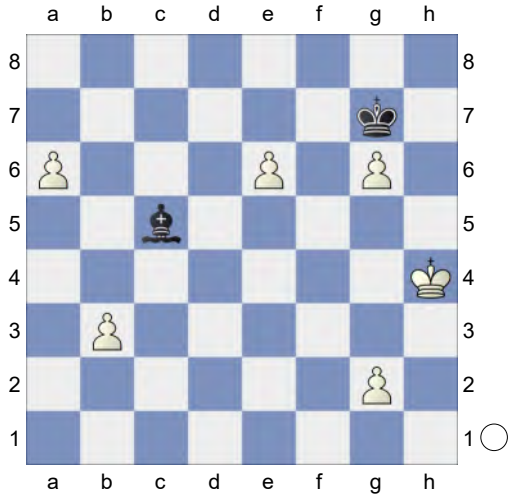
34...Rf8 35.Kg3 Be3 36.b4 Bf4+ 37.Kf2 Rc7 38.Qg6 Rc3 39.e6 Be3+ 40.Kg3 Bf4+ 41.Kh4 and e7 would now be decisive **41...Rc7 42.g5 Rg7 43.Qe4 Bd6 44.Ne5 Be7 45.Ng6+ Rxg6 46.Qxg6** KQ-KRB **46...a5 47.bxa5 b4 48.a6 b3 49.Qh6+** 35.23/5

[⌓49.axb3 #11/24 Rc8 50.Qh5+ Kg8 51.Qf7+ Kh8 52.Qxe7 Rc6 53.g6 Rc4+ 54.bxc4 Kg8 55.Qh7+ Kf8 56.Qf7#]

49...Kg8

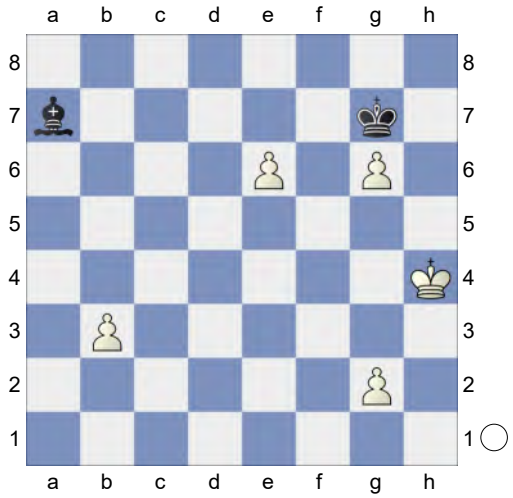


50.Qxf8+ 20.76/29 **Bxf8 51.axb3 Bc5 52.g6** White threatens a7! and mate. **52...Kg7**



53.a7! Deflection **53...Bxa7**

[53...Kxg6 54.a8Q]



54.e7! Bf2+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.65 **55.Kg4**
1-0

259 **C50**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2738**
■ **Ding Liren** **2734**
chess.com SpeedChess 2025 (1.23)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.c3**

[5.a4 d6 6.c3 a6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Ba7 9.Nbd2 Qe7 10.h3 g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Qe2 Qf6 13.Bh2 Nf4 14.Bxf4 gxf4 15.g4 Ne7 16.b4 Ng6 17.Kd1 h5 18.g5 Qe7 19.b5 Kf8 0-1 Anand,V (2784)-Aronian,L (2792) Zuerich Opening Blitz 5th_19495 2016 (3)]

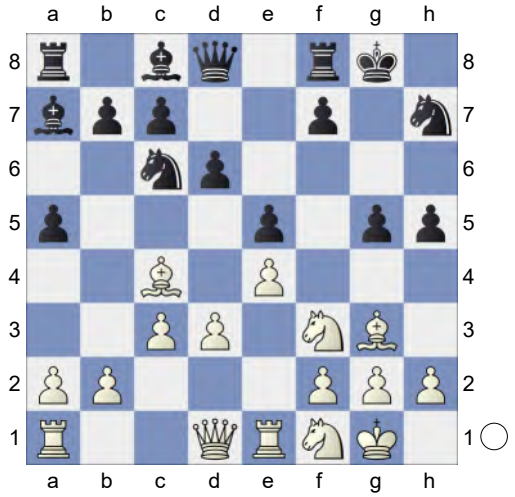
[5.Nc3 h6 6.Be3 Bb6 7.Qd2 d6 8.0-0-0 Na5 9.h3 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.c5 Bxc5 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.Qxd8+ Rxd8 14.Rxd8+ Kxd8 15.Rd1+ Ke7 16.Nxe5 Rd8 17.f3 g5 18.a3 c6 19.Na4 Rxd1+ 0-1 Arrondo Vila,N-

Samper Gonzalez,P (1411) Barcelona Sant Marti op-B 22nd 2022 (9)]

5...d6N

[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3) Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003]

6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1 a5 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Ba7 11.Nbd2 Nh7 12.Nf1 h5!



13.h4 g4 14.N3h2 Qf6 15.Ne3 Ne7 16.Qd2 -0.43/21

[16.Nd5= 0.06/20 Nxd5 17.Bxd5]

16...c6 -0.01/21

[16...Be6!∓ -0.43/21]

17.Rad1= b5 18.Bb3 a4!↑ Black has the initiative. **19.Bc2 Be6 20.d4 Bxa2 21.dxe5** -0.61/23

[21.f3= -0.08/22]

21...dxe5∓ 22.Nhxg4? -3.67/22 **hxg4-+ 23.Nxg4 Qg7 24.Nh6+ Kh8 25.Kh1 Bb6 26.Qd6 Ng6 27.Qxc6** -4.86/22

[⊼27.Ng4 -3.46/20 Rac8 28.h5]

27...Qxh6 28.Qxb6 Be6 29.Qxb5 -6.16/19

[⊼29.Kg1 -4.22/18 Nf6 *(29...Nxh4 30.Bxe5+ f6 31.Bg3∓)* 30.Qxb5]

29...Nxh4? -0.95/19

[29...f6-+ -6.16/19 has better winning chances. 30.Kg1 Nxh4 31.Bxa4 Ng5]

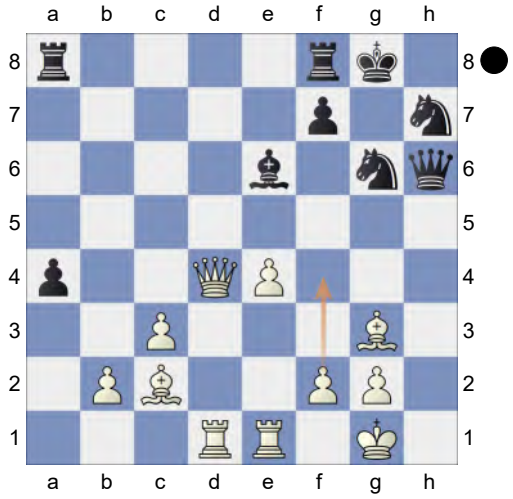
30.Qxe5+∓ Kg8 -0.27/24

[30...Nf6∓ -0.77/22 Strongly threatening ...Nf3+. 31.Bf4 Qg7]

31.Kg1 -0.65/22

[31.Bf4= -0.27/24 is more appropriate. Qg7 32.Qxg7+ Kxg7 33.Kg1]

31...Ng6∓ 32.Qd4



Rad8 -0.01/25 **33.Bd6=** The position is equal.

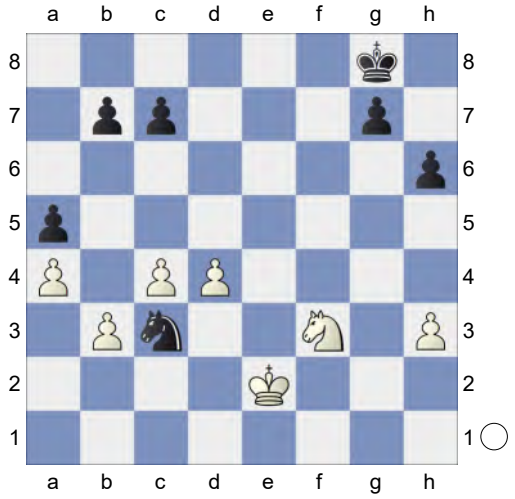
[33.Qxa4 Rxd1 34.Rxd1 *(34.Bxd1 Rd8=)* 34...Qg5]

33...Ng5 34.Qe3 f4! is the strong threat. Dancing on a razor blade.
[34.Bxa4 Nf3+ 35.gxf3 Rxd6-+]
[34.f4? Nxf4 35.Rd2 Nfh3+ 36.Kh2 Nf2+ 37.Kg1 Ng4-+]
34...Rfe8 And White is the lucky defender. Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/Black=0.37 **35.Bxa4** Loss on time!?
[Much worse is 35.f4 Rxd6 *(35...Nh7 36.Bxa4 Bg4 37.Rd4±)* 36.Rxd6 Nxf4-+]
1-0

260 **C53**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2738**
■ **Ding Liren** **2734**
chess.com SpeedChess 2025 (1.21)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...d6N
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3)]
6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1 a5 8.h3 h6 9.Nbd2 Be6 The position is equal. **10.b3 Bb6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Bc5 13.a4 Qe8 14.Ra2 Qg6 15.Rc2 Rad8 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Nh5 18.Kh2 Rf6 19.Nh4 Qf7 20.Rf3** -0.71/24
[20.Nf3= -0.01/21]
20...Rf8 0.01/22
[20...d5∓ -0.71/24 21.exd5 exd5]
21.Rxf6= Nxf6 22.Ne3 -0.37/21
[22.Nf3= 0.01/22]
22...d5∓ 23.exd5 exd5 24.Nf3 -0.71/22
[24.Qe2∓ -0.32/20]
24...Qe6 25.Re2 Re8 -0.08/19
[25...b6∓ -0.59/22]
26.c4 -0.48/21
[26.Re1= -0.08/19]
26...d4 27.Nf1 e4 0.01/25
[27...Qf7∓ -0.42/24]
28.Ng3 -0.35/25
[28.Kg1= 0.01/25]
28...e3 29.fxe3 dxe3 30.Nf1 -0.91/27
[30.Qe1= -0.01/24]
30...Qd6+∓ 31.Kh1 Nd4 Black has more active pieces. **32.Rxe3 Rxe3 33.Nxe3 Nh5** 0.62/26
[33...Nxf3∓ -0.87/24 34.gxf3 Nh5]
34.Kg1 -0.57/24
[34.Nxd4± 0.62/26 Ng3+ 35.Kg1 Qxd4 36.Qf3]
34...Ng3 0.46/27
[34...Nf4!∓ -0.57/24 35.Kf2 Qd8]

35.Kf2 0.01/23
[35.Nxd4± 0.46/27 feels stronger. Qxd4 36.Qf3]
35...Ngf5 1.08/26
[35...Qf4? 36.Nd5 Qf8 37.Kxg3+-]
[35...Ne6= 0.01/23]
36.Nxf5± Nxf5 Endgame KQN-KQN. White is a pawn up. **37.d4** 0.19/25
[37.Qe2± 0.90/25]
37...Qg3+= 38.Kg1 Qxg2+ 1.81/5
39.Kxg2+- Black must now prevent Qe1.
39...Ne3+ 40.Kf2 Nxd1+± KN-KN
41.Ke2! Nc3+



42.Ke3 -0.01/25
[42.Kd2!± 1.14/25 Ne4+ 43.Ke3]
42...Kf7= 43.Ne5+ Ke6 44.Nd3 b6 Dodges Nc5+ **45.d5+ Kd6 46.Nf4 g5 47.Ne6 c6 48.Nd4?** -6.04/30
[48.Kd3= -0.18/28 Na2 *(48...cxd5 49.Nxg5 Kc5 50.Nf3=)* 49.Nd8 *(49.Kd4 Nc1∓)*]
48...cxd5-+ 49.Kd3 Ne4 50.Nf5+ Kc5 51.cxd5

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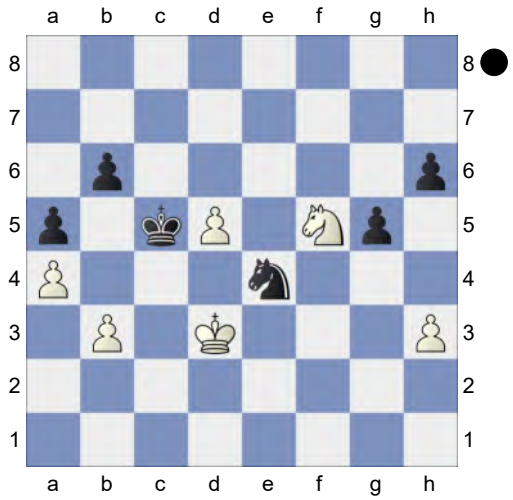
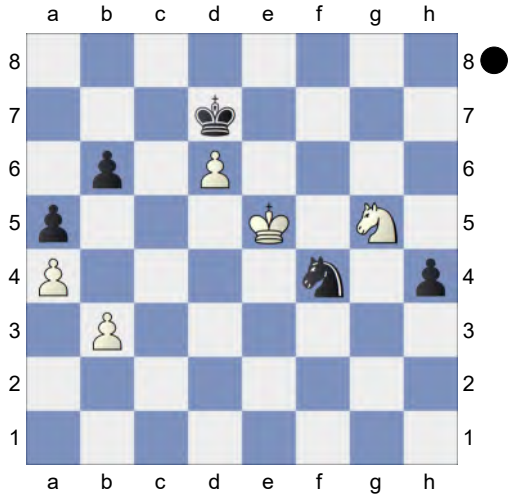


Nf2+ -0.71/28
[51...Kxd5 52.Ne3+ Ke5 53.Ng4+ Kd5 *(53...Kf4 54.Nxh6 Nd6 55.Kd4=)* 54.Ne3+ Ke5 55.Ng4+ Kd5 56.Ne3+=]
[51...Nf6!-+ -4.08/30 52.d6 h5]
52.Ke3∓ Nxh3 53.Ke4 -5.85/28
[53.d6∓ -0.80/26 Nf4 54.Ke4]
53...Nf4? -0.69/28
[53...h5-+ -5.85/28 54.Ke5 h4]
54.d6∓ Kc6 White is on the road to losing. **55.Ke5?** -5.77/28
[White should play 55.Nxh6∓ -0.67/26 Ne6 *(55...Kxd6 56.Nf7+ Kc5 57.Nxg5=)* 56.Nf5]
55...h5-+ 56.Nd4+ -8.13/29
[⌓56.Kf6 -5.05/28 Nd3 *(56...g4 57.Ke7∓)* 57.Ke7 *(57.Kxg5 Kd7∓)*]
56...Kd7 57.Nf3 Ne6 58.Kd5 Intending Ne5+ and mate. **58...Nf4+?** -0.01/26
[58...Nc5-+ -5.13/29 59.Nxg5 h4 *(59...Nxb3 60.Nf3=)*]
59.Ke5= h4 60.Nxg5

(Diagram)



h3! 61.Nf3 Nd3+ 62.Kd5 Nc5 63.b4 axb4

[63...Nxa4? perishes. 64.Ne5+ Kc8 65.Kc6+-]

64.Kc4 b3 65.Kc3 Kxd6 66.Kb2 Kd5 Strongly threatening ...Kc4!. **67.Kc3 Kd6?** 0.01/18

[67...Kc6-+ -14.24/28 68.Nh2 Kd6 *(68...Nxa4+? 69.Kxb3 b5 70.Ng4-+)*]

68.Kb2! Ke7 69.Kc3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/Black=0.72 **69...Kf6 0-1**

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□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2738**

■ **Ding Liren** **2734**

chess.com SpeedChess 2025 (1.1)

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.c3 d6 6.0-0 a5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5** The position is equal.

[8...Ba7 9.a4 g5 10.Bg3 Ne7 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Ng6 13.d4 Nh5 14.dxe5 Nxg3 15.hxg3 dxe5 16.Rad1 g4 17.Nh2 Qg5 18.Rfe1 Kg7 19.Re2 h5 20.Ndf1 h4 21.Rd3 hxg3 22.Rxg3 Nf4 23.Nxg4 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2688)-Harikrishna,P (2720) Olympiad-44 Chennai 2022 (6.1)]

9.Bg3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Ba7 11.Re1N

[11.Bb3 Nh7 12.Kh1 Qf6 13.Nc4 Qg7 14.Ne3 Nf6 15.a4 *(15.Bc2 Kh8 16.Rc1 Nh5 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.exf5 Rad8 19.Nd2 Nxg3+ 20.fxg3 f6 21.g4 d5 22.Qf3 Qf7 23.Ba4 Ne7 24.Bd1 c6 25.Qh3 Ng8 26.Bc2 Qc7 27.a4 Rd7 28.Nb3 Re7 29.Rce1 b5* 0-1 Weber,S-9.♗e3 00 10.♖c1_70226 (izt) 22/623 1976 *)* 15...Kh8 16.Qe2 Bd7 17.Rae1 Rae8 18.Qd1 Bc8 19.Nd2 h5 20.h4 Ng4 21.hxg5 Qxg5 22.Nf3 Nxe3 23.Nxg5 Nxd1 24.Bxd1 Kg7 25.Nh3 Rh8 Schulze,U-Karlsson,S (ol) 34/51 Luzern 1982 26.f4 h4 27.Bf2 Bxf2 28.Rxf2 f5 29.exf5 Bxf5 30.fxe5 Rhf8 31.d4 dxe5 32.d5 Nb8 33.Kg1 Nd7 Mcdermott,F-Schakel,C corr 150/(107) 2020]

11...Nh7! 12.Nf1 h5 13.h4 g4 14.N3h2 Ne7 0.34/27

[14...Qf6= -0.18/24]

15.Qd2⩲ Kg7 16.Ne3 -0.13/26

[16.d4⩲ 0.48/26]

16...Ng6!= 17.d4 Nxh4 18.Nhf1

[18.dxe5 Ng6 19.Nf5+ *(19.exd6 h4∓)* 19...Bxf5 20.exf5 Nxe5 21.Rxe5 dxe5 22.Bxe5+ f6-+]

18...Qg5 19.Nd5⇄ White is not holding back **19...Ng6!**

[19...Qxd2?! 20.Nxd2 Ng6 21.Nxc7±]

20.Nxc7 Rb8 0.18/25

[20...b5!∓ -0.61/24]

21.Nb5 Bb6 1.12/23

[21...Ra8= 0.16/24]

22.Nxd6 0.47/25

[22.Rad1± 1.12/23]

22...h4 1.46/25
[22...Qxd2!⩲ 0.47/25 23.Nxd2 h4 24.Bxe5+ Nxe5]
23.Bh2 -0.01/24 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.
[23.Bxe5+± 1.46/25 Nxe5 24.Qxg5+ *(24.dxe5 Qxe5 25.Kh1 Rd8=)* 24...Nxg5 25.dxe5]
23...exd4 0.47/25
[23...Qxd2!= -0.01/24 24.Nxd2 exd4 25.Nf5+ Bxf5 26.Bxb8 *(26.exf5 g3∓)* 26...dxc3 27.exf5 *(27.bxc3 g3=)* 27...cxd2]
24.cxd4 -0.09/26
[White should try 24.Qxg5⩲ 0.47/25 Nxg5 25.cxd4 *(25.Nf5+ Bxf5 26.exf5 Rbc8⩲)* 25...Bxd4 26.Ne3 Bxb2 27.Rab1]
24...Qxd2 25.Nxd2 Bxd4 Strongly threatening ...g3. **26.Nb3! Be5** 0.01/23
[26...Bb6∓ -0.39/24 deserves consideration. 27.Kf1 a4]
27.Bxe5+
[27.Nxa5? g3 *(27...Bxb2 28.Rab1=)* 28.fxg3 Bxd6 29.gxh4 Bxh2+ 30.Kxh2 Nxh4-+]
27...Nxe5 28.Rad1 a4 29.Nd4 Nf6 0.89/23
[29...Ng5= -0.06/25 keeps the balance.]
30.Be2 h3? 2.30/23
[30...Rd8⩲ 0.61/24 31.N4f5+ Bxf5 32.Nxf5+ Kf8]

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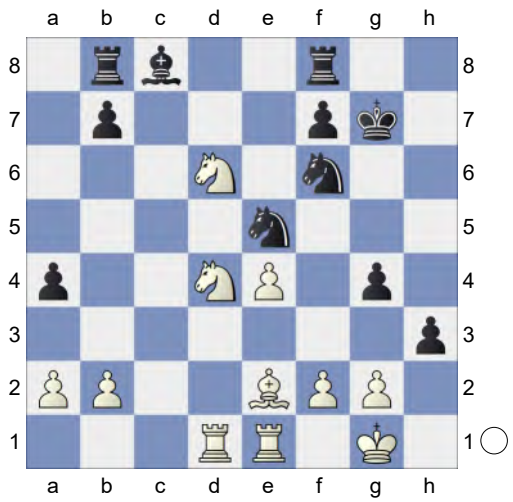

31.f4? 0.34/22
[31.gxh3!+- 2.30/23 Rd8 32.N4f5+ Bxf5 33.Nxf5+ Kh7 34.hxg4]
31...gxf3⩲ 32.gxf3
[32.Nxf3 Nfg4 33.Rd5 f6 34.gxh3 Nxf3+ 35.Bxf3 Ne5 36.Kf2]
32...Rd8 33.N4f5+ Kf8 34.Kh2 Nh5
[34...Bxf5 simplifies 35.Nxf5 Nh5 36.Rxd8+ Rxd8 37.Rd1 Rxd1 38.Bxd1 Nf4]
35.Nc4 Dancing on a razor blade.
35...Bxf5 36.Nxe5 Be6 37.Bc4 Ke7 38.Bxe6 Kxe6 39.Nd3 Rbc8 40.Rd2 -7.71/28
[40.Kxh3? Rxd3 41.Kg4 Nf6+ 42.Kf4 Nh5+ 43.Kg4 Nf6+ 44.Kf4 Rxd1 45.Rxd1 Rc2-+]
[40.Re2= -0.02/26]

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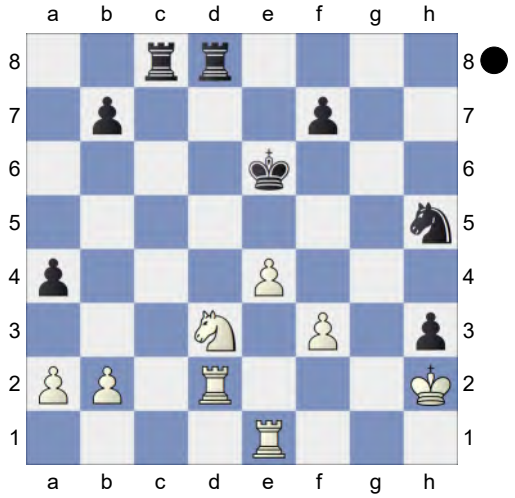


Repels Rc2 **40...Rd6?** 0.35/25
[40...Rxd3!-+ -7.71/28 41.Rxd3 Rc2+ 42.Kxh3 Nf4+ *(42...Rxb2? 43.Kg4+-)* 43.Kg3 Nxd3]
41.Red1
[41.Kxh3? Rxd3 42.Red1 Nf4+ *(42...Rxf3+? 43.Kg4-+)* 43.Kg3 Rcd8 44.Rxd3 Nxd3-+]
White leaves nothing to chance now.
41...Rdc6 1.54/24 Prevents Nc5+.
[41...Ke7!⩲ 0.35/26 42.Ne5 *(42.Kxh3? Rcd8-+)* 42...Rxd2+ 43.Rxd2 Nf4]
42.Nf2 0.34/24
[Much less strong is 42.Kxh3 Rg8±]
[42.Nb4± 1.54/24 Rb6 43.Nd5]
42...Nf4 1.36/26
[42...Rc2⩲ 0.34/24]
43.Kg3!±
[43.Nxh3? perishes. Rh8 44.Kg3 Nxh3-+]
43...Ng6 2.00/22
[43...Nh5+± 1.26/24 44.Kxh3 b6]
44.Nxh3+- and Ng5+ would now be decisive **44...Rc2?** 6.00/25
[44...a3 1.81/23 45.f4 *(45.bxa3 Ra8±)* 45...Kf6]
45.Ng5+ 2.63/27
[⌓45.Rd7 6.00/25]
45...Kf6 46.f4 Rxd2 47.Rxd2
Endgame KRN-KRN. White is a pawn up. **47...Rc1?** 7.10/23
[47...Ke7 2.85/23 48.Rd4 a3]
48.Rd7 White is clearly winning.
48...Nh8 49.Rd6+ Ke7 50.Rb6 Rc7 51.f5 f6 52.Re6+ Deflection **52...Kd7 53.Rxf6 Rc2 54.Rb6 Rc7 55.Ne6 Rc2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/Black=0.76 **56.Kf4**
1-0

262 **C53**
□ **Dominguez Perez,L.** **2738**
■ **Serban,Cristian-Stefan** **2275**
Titled Tue 16th Sep 2025 blitz (1)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 a5 6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1 d6 8.h3** White has an edge.
8...Ba7 9.Nbd2 Be6N
[9...Ne7 10.Nf1 Ng6 *(10...c6 11.Ng3 b5 12.Bb3 a4 13.Bc2 Ng6 14.d4 h6 15.Be3 Be6 16.Qd2 Re8 17.a3 Qe7 18.Rad1 Qf8 19.Qc1 Rad8 20.Qb1 Bb8 21.Qc1 d5 22.dxe5 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 dxe4 24.Nxe4 Rxd1 25.Rxd1* 0-1 Yugoslav Qa5 (2572)-Deslandes,P (2766) (m/1) 78/295 2000 (10) *Rd8 26.Bc5 Rxd1+ 27.Qxd1 Qe8 28.Nd6 Qd7 29.Qd4 Bd5 30.Nh2 f6 31.f4 fxe5 32.fxe5 Qe6 33.Ng4 h5 34.Ne3 Nxe5 35.Ndf5 Kh7 36.Nxd5 Qxf5 37.Ne3 Qg6 38.Qd1 Nd3 39.Bd4 Nxb2 40.Qe2* 0-1 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Caruana,F (2766) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Feb Late blitz 2023 (10) *)* 11.Ng3 c6 12.d4 h6 13.Bd3 Re8 14.Bc2 Qc7 15.Be3 c5 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Nf5 Be6 18.Qc1 c4

19.Bxh6 Nh5 20.Bxg7 Nxg7 21.Qh6 Bxf5 22.exf5 Nf8 23.f6 Nge6 24.Rxe5 1-0 Krause,B (2478)-Walter, A (2241) GER-ch blitz 2022 (12)]

10.Bb5 Ne7 11.d4 c6 12.Ba4 Ng6 13.Bc2 Nh5 14.Nf1 Nhf4 15.Ng3 f6 16.Ne2 Nxe2+ 17.Rxe2 Qc7 18.Be3 d5 1.20/23

[18...Rfe8= 0.03/20]

19.dxe5± Bxe3 20.Rxe3 Nxe5 21.Nxe5 0.74/22

[⌓21.Nd4 1.20/23 Bf7 22.Qb1]

21...fxe5 22.exd5 0.45/20

[22.Bb3!± 1.15/21]

22...Bxd5 1.27/20

[22...cxd5± 0.45/20 23.Qe2 e4]

23.Qh5 h6 24.Qxe5 0.98/21

[24.Qg6+- 1.63/24 e4 25.Bxe4 Bxe4 26.Rxe4 *(26.Qxe4 Rad8±)*]

24...Qxe5 25.Rxe5 Rfe8 26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **27.Bd3** 0.66/21 Inhibits Re2.

[27.b3± 1.05/21]

27...Rd8 1.73/22

[27...Kf8± 0.66/21]

28.Bf1? -0.01/26

[28.Rd1!+- 1.73/22]

28...Be6= 29.b4 -0.37/26

[29.a4= 0.01/26]

29...a4!∓ and ...a3 would now be decisive. Black has compensation. **30.a3 Rd2 31.c4 Rc2 32.c5 Bc4** 0.22/25 Prevents Bd3

[32...Rd2∓ -0.43/23]

33.Bxc4+= Rxc4 KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **34.Re1 Rc3** 1.03/27

[34...Kf7= 0.21/26 remains equal.]

35.Re3!± Rc1+ 36.Kh2 Kf7 Inhibits Re8. **37.g4** 0.26/24

[37.Kg3± 0.89/24]

37...g5= 38.Kg3 Kf6 39.Kf3 Ra1 40.Ke2 Ra2+ 41.Kf3 Ra1 42.Rd3 Ra2 43.Ke3 Ke5 44.Kf3 Ra1 45.Kg3 Ra2

46.Re3+ Kd5? 4.26/27

[46...Kd4= -0.01/24 and Black is okay.]

47.Rf3? -0.01/27

[47.f4+- 4.26/27 gxf4+ 48.Kxf4]

47...Kc4 48.h4 Ra1 49.hxg5 -0.01/26

[49.h5± 0.39/26]

49...hxg5 50.Re3 Kd4 51.Rf3 Kc4 52.Kg2 Kb5 53.Re3 Ra2? 6.23/29

[53...Kc4= 0.01/25]

54.Kg3+- Ra1 55.f4! Rg1+ 56.Kh3? 0.01/26

[56.Kf3 Rf1+ 57.Kg3 Rxf4= *(57...gxf4+ 58.Kg2±)*]

[White must play 56.Kf2+- 6.45/27 gxf4 *(56...Rxg4? 57.f5+-)* 57.Kxg1 fxe3 58.Kf1]

56...gxf4= 57.Rf3 Kc4 58.Rxf4+ Kb3? 6.42/27

[58...Kd5= 0.01/24]

59.Rf3++- Kb2 60.Kh4 Rh1+ 61.Kg5? -0.01/23

[61.Kg3+- 7.84/25 Rh8 62.g5]

61...Ra1= 62.Kf5? -2.85/22

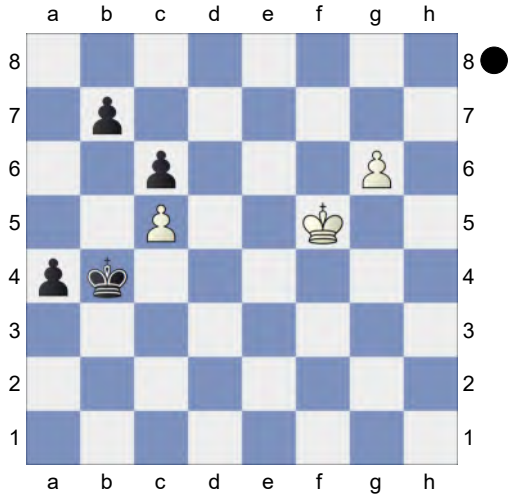
[62.Rf7= -0.01/22 and White stays safe.]

62...Rxa3-+ 63.Rxa3? -7.17/23

[63.Rf2+ -2.79/21 Kb3 64.Rf1]

63...Kxa3 64.g5 Threatens to win with g6. **64...Kxb4** K3P-KPP. Black is a pawn up. **65.g6**

(Diagram)



a3!

[65...Kxc5? 66.g7+-]

66.g7 a2!

[66...Kxc5? 67.g8Q+- *(67.g8R Kb4=)*]

67.g8Q a1Q KQ-KQ. Black is a pawn up.

[67...a1B? 68.Qa8+-]

68.Qb8 Qf1+ 69.Ke5 Qb5 70.Kd6 Qxc5+ 71.Kd7 Qb5 72.Kc7 c5 -7.73/23

[⊿72...Qe5+ -#18/26 73.Kb6 Qa5+ 74.Kxb7 Qb5+ 75.Kc7 Qxb8+ 76.Kxb8 c5 77.Kc7 c4 78.Kd6 c3 79.Ke7 c2 80.Kf6 c1Q *(80...c1R? 81.Ke5-+)* 81.Kf5 Qf1+ 82.Ke5 Qf3 83.Ke6 Qf4 84.Kd5 Kb5 85.Ke6 Kc6 86.Ke7 Qf5 87.Ke8 Kd6 88.Kd8 Qf8#]

73.Qf8 b6 74.Qf4+ Qc4 75.Qd2+ Kb5 76.Kb7? -#18/28

[76.Qb2+-+ -3.77/24 Qb4 77.Qf6]

76...Qe4+ 77.Ka7 Qa4+ -8.38/23

[⊿77...Qe7+ -#19/27 78.Kb8 Qf8+ 79.Kc7 Qg7+ 80.Kd6 Qd4+ 81.Qxd4 cxd4 82.Ke7 d3 83.Kf6 d2 84.Kg5 d1Q *(84...d1R 85.Kh4 Kc4 86.Kh3 b5 87.Kg4 b4 88.Kg3 b3 89.Kg4 b2 90.Kg5 b1Q 91.Kg4 Qg6+ 92.Kf4 Rf1+ 93.Ke5 Qf6+ 94.Ke4 Qf4#)* 85.Kg6 Qg4+ 86.Kf6 Qh5 87.Ke7 Kc6 88.Ke6 Qg5 89.Kf7 Kd7 90.Kf8 Ke6 91.Ke8 Qg8#]

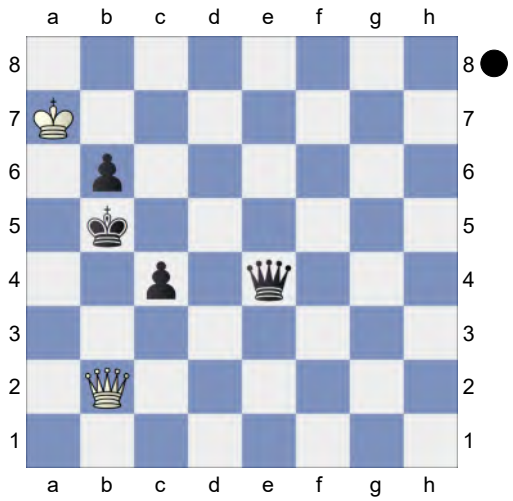
78.Kb7 Qe4+? 0.01/27

[78...Qd4-+ -8.22/24 79.Qc2 c4 80.Qb1+ Ka5 81.Qa2+ Kb4 82.Qb1+ Ka3 83.Qc1+ Kb3 84.Qb1+ Qb2]

79.Ka7!= c4? -1.15/23

[79...Qe7+ -#17/29 mates 80.Kb8 Qf8+ 81.Kc7 Qg7+ 82.Kd6 Qd4+ 83.Qxd4 cxd4 84.Ke6 d3 *(84...Kc4* is a self mate. *85.Kf5 d3 86.Kg5 d2 87.Kh4 d1Q 88.Kg5 Qf3 89.Kg6 Kd5 90.Kh7 Ke6 91.Kh6 Kf6 92.Kh7 Qb7+ 93.Kh8 Qg7#)* 85.Kf6 d2 86.Kg5 d1Q *(86...d1R 87.Kf6 Kc4 88.Kg5 b5 89.Kf6 b4 90.Kg6 b3 91.Kg5 b2 92.Kg6 b1Q+ 93.Kf6 Rf1+ 94.Ke7 Qh7+ 95.Ke6 Kd4 96.Kd6 Rf6#)* 87.Kg6 Qg4+ 88.Kf6 Kc6 89.Ke5 b5 90.Kf6 Kd6 91.Kf7 Qg5 92.Kf8 Ke6 93.Ke8 Qg8#]

80.Qb2+∓



Ka4 -0.83/27

[Black should try 80...Kc6! -1.19/26 (→ ...Qe7+) 81.Qxb6+ Kd7]

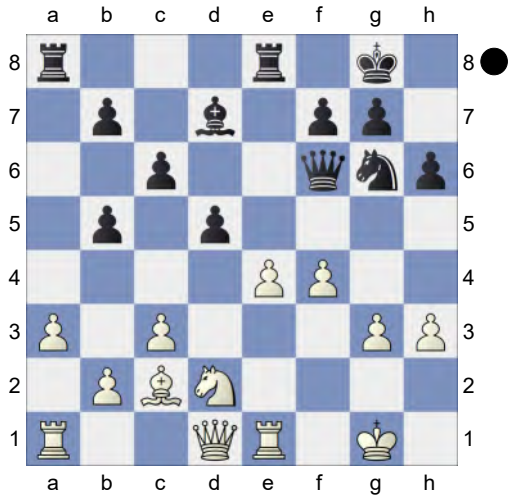
81.Qxb6? -20.67/25

[81.Qa2+∓ -0.83/27 Kb5 82.Qb2+ Kc6 83.Qxb6+ Kd7 84.Qb5+ Kd6

85.Qb8+ Ke7 86.Qc7+ Kf6 87.Kb6]
81...Qe7+ 82.Ka6 Qb4 83.Qb5+ Both players deserved the win here. Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.50 **83...Qxb5+**
0-1

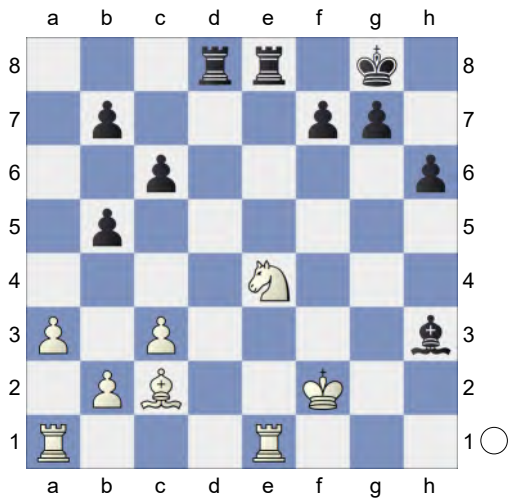
263 **C50**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2738**
■ **Mishra,Abhimanyu** **2652**
ch-USA 2025 Saint Louis USA (5.1)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3N**
[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 h5 9.Nxg5 h4 10.Nxf7 hxg3 11.Nxd8 Bg4 12.Qd2 Nd4 13.Nc3 Nf3+ 14.gxf3 Bxf3 The Giuoco Pianissimo-Game 1 - Victor Knorre vs. Mi]
[6.a4 a6 7.c3 Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Re8 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b4 d5 13.Qc2 d4 14.Bb2 Nh5 15.b5 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Nb3 Qd8 20.g3 Rh6 0-1 Lunacek,J (2702)-Ferri, S (2732) Chicago op 19th 2010 (11)]
[6.h3 a6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Nh5 10.Bh2 *(10.Kh2 Nxg3 11.fxg3 0-0 12.c3 Na5 13.Nbd2 Nxc4 14.Nxc4 Be6 15.Ne1 b5 16.Nd2 f5 17.Qh5 Kg7 18.Nc2 Qe8 19.Qe2 Qg6 20.d4 exd4 21.cxd4 Bb6 22.d5 Bd7 23.e5 dxe5 24.Qxe5+ Qf6* 0-1 Castro,T (2000)-Rumph,T (2183) US Amateur Team West 2010 (5.3)*)* 10...Nf4 11.c3 g4 12.hxg4 Bxg4 13.Nbd2 Qf6 14.Qb3 Rg8 15.Bg3 b5 16.Bxb5 axb5 17.Qxb5 Bd7 18.a4 Rxg3 19.d4 Rxg2+ 20.Kh1 Qg6 0-1 Krisha,T (1023)-Al Qudaimi,B (2401) Sharjah Rapid 2023 (1)]
6...0-0 7.Nbd2 Bb6 8.Bb3 Ne7 9.Nc4 Ng6 10.Re1 Re8 11.Bc2 c6 12.Nxb6 axb6 White has an edge. **13.d4 b5 14.h3 h6 15.a3 Bd7 16.Be3 Qc7 17.Nd2 d5 18.dxe5 Qxe5 19.Bd4 Qf4 20.g3 Qd6 21.Bxf6 Qxf6 22.f4⇄**
[22.exd5 Rxe1+ 23.Qxe1 cxd5 24.Qf1]



White is not holding back **22...Nxf4! 23.gxf4 Qxf4 24.Qe2! dxe4** 0.93/22
[24...Bxh3= -0.01/24 25.Qf2 Qg5+ 26.Kh2 Be6]
25.Nxe4± Bxh3 26.Qf2
[26.Qh5 is interesting. Bg4 27.Qh4 Re6 28.Nc5]
26...Qxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Rad8

(Diagram)



Prevents Nd6 **28.Nd6!** 0.42/23 **Rxe1±** **29.Rxe1** **b6** **30.Bf5** White is more active. **30...Kf8** **31.Bxh3** **Rxd6=** Endgame KRB-KR **32.Re4** 0.01/23

[32.Bg4!± 0.68/23]

32...g6 **33.Rb4** **Ke7** **34.Bf1** **f5** **35.c4** **Rd4!** **36.Rb3** **Rf4+** 0.60/24

[36...bxc4= 0.06/23 37.Rxb6 Kd6]

37.Ke1!± **Re4+** **38.Be2** **bxc4** **39.Rxb6** **Kd6** **40.Kd2** 0.14/21

[40.Rb8± 0.74/22]

40...g5= **41.Rb8** **g4** **42.Rh8** **Re6** 2.82/23

[42...g3!= 0.10/23 and Black stays safe. 43.Rxh6+ Ke5]

43.Bxc4+- **Rg6** **44.Ke3?** 0.81/21

[44.Rg8+- 3.19/23 Rxg8 45.Bxg8]

44...f4+± **45.Kf2** **g3+** **46.Kg1!** **Ke5!** **47.Re8+** 0.12/22

[White should play 47.Be2!± 0.97/25]

47...Kd4= **48.Be2** **c5!** **49.a4** White now steadily converts the win. **49...c4?** 3.69/24

[49...Rb6= -0.01/20]

50.Rd8+!+- **Ke3** **51.Bxc4** **f3** **52.Rd3+!** **Ke4** **53.a5** 1.22/20

[53.Rd7!+- 3.05/23 is the precise move to win. and Bd3+ would now be decisive Ke3 54.Rd3+ Ke4 55.Rd8]

53...g2? 4.61/26

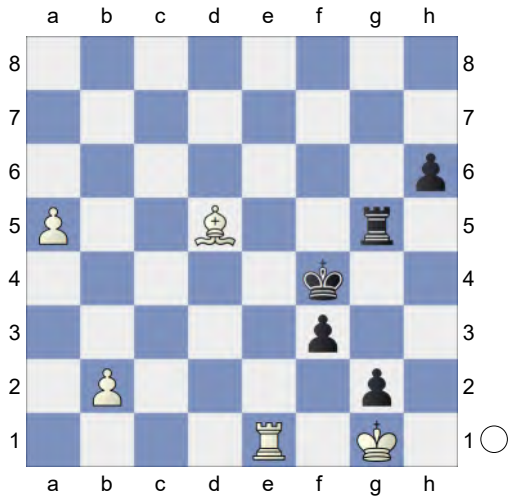
[53...h5± 1.22/20]

54.Rd1 **Ke3** (→ ...f2+) **55.Re1+**

[Wrong is 55.Rd3+? Kf4-+]

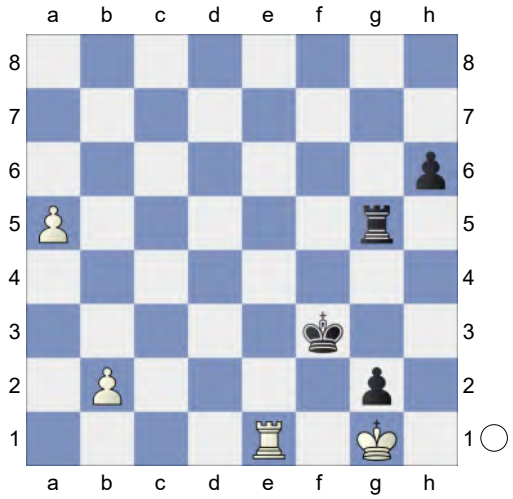
55...Kf4 White must now prevent ...Rd6.

56.Bd5! **Rg5**



57.Bxf3 **Kxf3**

[57...Rxa5 58.Kxg2]



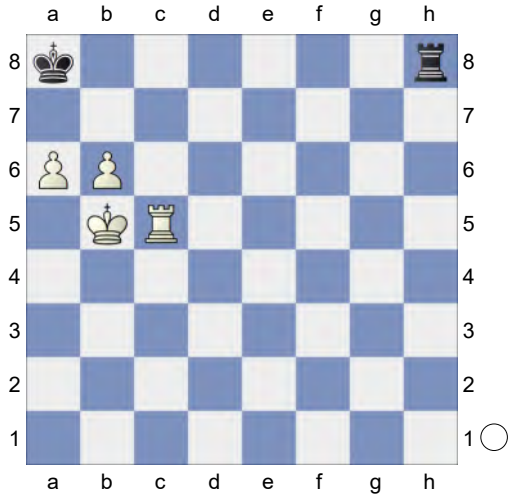
KR-KR **58.Ra1!** **Ke4** **59.b4** **Kd5** **60.b5** **Kc5** **61.b6** **Kc6** **62.Rc1+** **Kb7** **63.Rc7+** **Ka8** **64.a6** **Rg8** Dodges Rc8+ **65.Rh7** **h5** **66.Rxh5** **Rb8** **67.Rh6** Threatening mate with Rf6!.

[67.Kxg2 Rxb6 68.Ra5 Ka7=]

67...Rg8 **68.Rh7** 12.54/32

[⌓68.Rc6 33.31/32 Re8 69.b7+ *(69.Kxg2 Rf8+-)* 69...Kb8 70.Kxg2]

68...Kb8 69.Rh2 Ka8 70.Rxg2 Rb8 71.Rg6 Rd8 72.Kf2 Re8 73.Kf3 Kb8 74.Kf4 Ka8 75.Kf5 Rb8 76.Ke5 Rf8 77.Kd5 Kb8 78.Kc6 Ka8 79.Rg5 Rh8 80.Kb5 Rd8 81.Rc5 Rh8



82.Rc8+!! 10.64/5 **Rxc8 83.b7+ Kb8** #6/14

[83...Ka7+- 4.66/5]

84.Kb6!

[Not 84.bxc8R+ Kxc8 85.Kc6 Kb8=]

84...Rc7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.39 **85.a7#**

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264 **C54**

☐ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2738**

■ **Ding,Liren** **2734**

chess.com SpeedChess 2025 (1.19)

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.c3**

[5.a4 d6 6.c3 a6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Ba7 9.Nbd2 Qe7 10.h3 g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Qe2 Qf6 13.Bh2 Nf4 14.Bxf4 gxf4 15.g4 Ne7 16.b4 Ng6 17.Kd1 h5 18.g5 Qe7 19.b5 Kf8 0-1 Anand,V (2784)-Aronian,L (2792) Zuerich Opening Blitz 5th_19495 2016 (3)]

[5.Nc3 h6 6.Be3 Bb6 7.Qd2 d6 8.0-0-0 Na5 9.h3 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.c5 Bxc5 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.Qxd8+ Rxd8 14.Rxd8+ Kxd8 15.Rd1+ Ke7 16.Nxe5 Rd8 17.f3 g5 18.a3 c6 19.Na4 Rxd1+ 0-1 Arrondo Vila,N-Samper Gonzalez,P (1411) Barcelona Sant Marti op-B 22nd 2022 (9)]

5...d6N

[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3) Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003]

6.0-0 a5 7.Re1 0-0 8.h3 h6 The position is equal. **9.Nbd2 Be6 10.b3 Bb6 11.a4 d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Qc2 Qf6 14.Ne4 Qg6 15.Kh2 Rad8 16.Ng3** -1.04/20

[16.Nh4= -0.07/18 Qh5 17.Nf3]

16...Rfe8 -0.06/19

[16...Nxc3!∓ -1.04/20 And now ...Bxc4 would win. 17.Bb2 *(17.Qxc3 Bxf2 18.Ne2 Bxe1∓)* 17...Nd5 *(17...Bxc4 18.bxc4∓)*]

17.Re2 f5 18.Nxe5 Nxe5 19.Rxe5 c6 0.35/25

[19...f4= -0.25/23 20.Nh5 f3 21.gxf3 Bf7 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8]

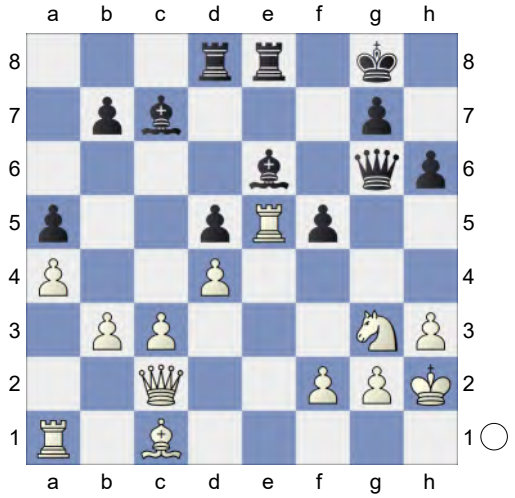
20.d4 -0.30/22

[20.Bxd5± 0.35/25 cxd5 21.d4]

20...Bc7= 21.Bxd5 cxd5 0.22/23

[21...Rxd5 22.Bf4 Rd7 23.c4= *(23.Rxe6 Rxe6 24.Bxc7 Rxc7∓)*]

[Black should play 21...Bxd5∓ -0.59/23 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8]



22.Bf4 -0.36/23 **Qf7!∓ 23.Qd2** -1.78/25 **g5-+ 24.Bxg5** -2.50/25

[⌓24.Rxe6 -1.65/24 Rxe6 25.Bxc7 Qxc7 26.Re1]

24...hxg5 25.Qxg5+ Qg7 26.Qf4 -2.81/23

[26.Qe3 -1.96/22 Bf7 *(26...Bxe5? 27.dxe5 Bf7 28.Re1-+)* 27.f4]

26...Bxe5 27.dxe5 Rf8 28.Nh5 Qg6 29.Qh4 -3.20/23

[⌓29.Nf6+ -1.90/21 Rxf6 30.exf6]

29...Rc8? 1.02/22

[29...Qh6-+ -3.20/23 30.Qg3+ Kh7 31.Nf6+ Rxf6 32.exf6 Qxf6]

30.Nf4± White has strong compensation.

30...Qf7 7.52/23

[30...Qg7± 1.21/24]

31.Qh6? -1.21/29

[31.Rd1+- 7.52/23]

31...Rc6∓ 32.Rd1? -2.61/25

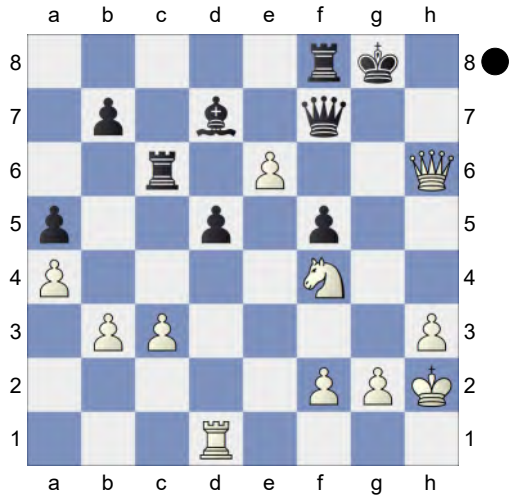
[32.Qh4∓ -0.95/25 was worth a try.]

32...Bd7 -1.13/25

[32...Qg7-+ -2.61/25 has better winning chances. 33.Qh4 Qxe5]

33.e6 -1.60/23

[Better is 33.Qh4 -1.13/25 Bc8 34.Nxd5]



33...Bxe6 -1.17/23

[⌓33...Rxe6! -1.60/23 34.Qg5+ Qg7 35.Qxg7+ Kxg7 36.Rxd5 Re7]

34.Rd3 Threatening mate with Rg3+.

34...Qg7 9.52/23

[34...Qf6∓ -1.38/24 35.Rg3+ Kf7 36.Qh7+ Ke8 37.Qxb7 *(37.Rg6? Qe7-+)* 37...Bc8 *(37...Rxc3?* too greedy. *38.Qb5+ Bd7 39.Qe2+ Kd8 40.Nxd5+-)* 38.Re3+ Kd8]

35.Rg3+- Qxg3+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/Black=0.73 **36.fxg3**

[36.Kxg3 Bf7 37.Qg5+ Kh7]

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265 **C53**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2738**
■ **Ding Liren** **2734**
chess.com SpeedChess 2025 (1.3)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 a6 8.a4 Ba7 9.0-0N** -0.43/21

[9.Nbd2= 0.00/22 Qe7 *(9...g5 10.Bg3 0-0 11.Qe2 Kg7 12.h4 g4 13.Nh2 Ne7 14.h5 Nxh5 15.Nxg4 Nxg3 16.fxg3 Ng8 17.Ne3 Qg5 18.Nef1 Ne7 19.Nf3 Qg6 20.0-0-0 f5 21.Bb3 b5* ½-½ Eljanov,P (2702)-Fressinet,L (2651) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (10) *)* 10.h3 g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Qe2 Qf6 13.Bh2 Nf4 14.Bxf4 gxf4 15.g4 Ne7 16.b4 Ng6 17.Kd1 h5 18.g5 Qe7 19.b5 Kf8 20.bxa6 bxa6 21.d4 Kg7 22.d5 Bd7 23.Kc2 Rhb8 24.Bxa6 0-1 Buchicchio,G (2767)-Hantel,T (2787) 102/57 Russia 2008 (7) Bxf2 25.Bb5 Be3 26.h4 Ra5 27.c4 Rba8 28.Kb3 Nf8 29.Rhc1 Bg4 30.Kc2 Bxd2 31.Kxd2 Nd7 32.Ra3 Nc5 33.Bc6 Rb8 34.Ke1 Qd8 35.Qc2 Bxf3 36.Rxf3 Qc8 0-1 Anand,V (2784)-Aronian,L (2792) Zuerich Opening Blitz 5th_19495 2016 (3)]

9...Qe7 0.26/24

[9...g5∓ -0.43/21 10.Bg3 Bg4]

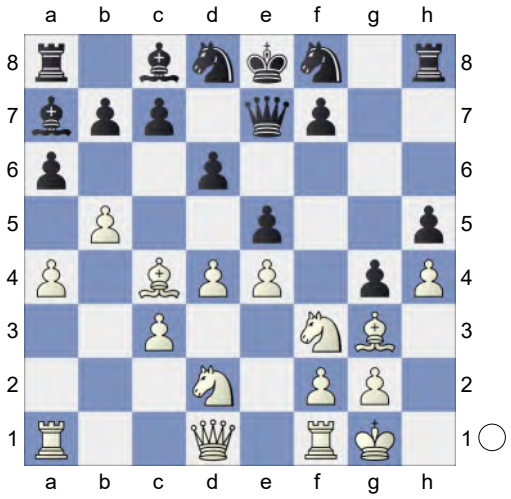
10.Nbd2 White has an edge. **10...g5 11.Bg3 Nd7 12.b4 Nf8! 13.b5 Nd8 14.d4 h5?** 1.61/24

[14...Ng6= -0.23/22]

15.h4!+-

[15.dxe5 h4 16.bxa6 *(16.exd6 cxd6 17.Bxd6 Qxd6∓)* 16...hxg3 17.hxg3 f6-+ *(17...bxa6? 18.Nd4-+; 17...dxe5? 18.axb7 Bxb7 19.Bb5+ Nd7 20.Nh2-+)*]

15...g4



16.Nxe5 White is more active. **16...dxe5 17.Bxe5 Rg8 18.Bg3! Ng6 19.e5! Bf5** Against Ne4 **20.bxa6 bxa6 21.Bd5**

[21.Bxa6 Nxh4 *(21...Kf8 22.Nc4=)* 22.Nc4 Bg6∓]

21...c6 1.89/26

[21...Rb8± 1.36/23]

22.Be4 Be6 23.f4 gxf3 24.Nxf3

[24.Qxf3?! Rb8±]

24...Bg4? 2.87/22

[24...Bc4± 0.99/23]

25.Qe1 Rc8? 3.65/21

[25...Bxf3 2.03/21 26.Bxf3 Rb8]

26.Ng5 c5? 6.45/25

[26...Nf8 3.92/21 27.Bf5 Bxf5 28.Rxf5 Rg6]

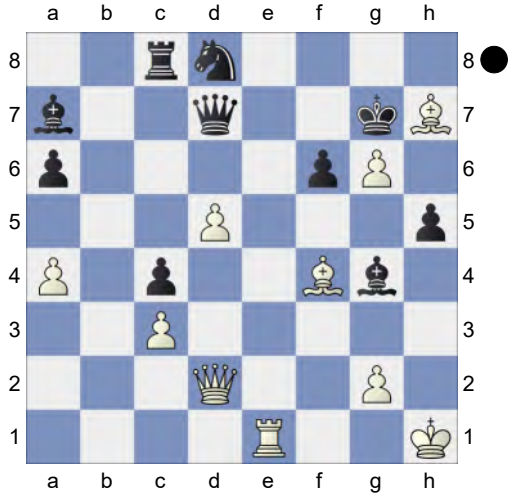
27.d5 c4+ 28.Kh1 Nxe5 29.Bh7? 1.31/26

[29.d6+- 6.82/25 is more deadly. Qxd6 30.Bf5 *(30.Bh7 Rxg5 31.hxg5 Bb8±)*]

29...Rxg5± 30.hxg5 Nd3 31.Qd2 0.09/22 Some like it hot

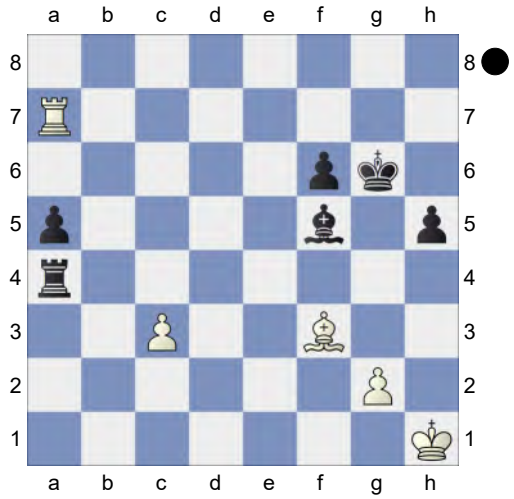
[31.g6± 1.24/25 Nxe1 32.g7 Nxg2 33.g8Q+ *(33.g8B? Ne3-+)* 33...Kd7 34.Rab1 *(34.Kxg2 Qe2+ 35.Kh1 Bf3+ 36.Rxf3 Qxf3+ 37.Kh2 h4=)*]

31...Kf8 5.77/29
[31...Be3= 0.09/22 and Black has nothing to worry. 32.Qc2 Qxg5 33.Bxd3 cxd3 34.Qxd3 Bd2]
32.Rae1+- Nxe1 33.Rxe1 Qd7 34.g6 Kg7 Prevents Qh6+. **35.Be5+ f6 36.Bf4?** -1.39/31
[36.Bxf6++- 19.71/33 Kxf6 37.Qh6]

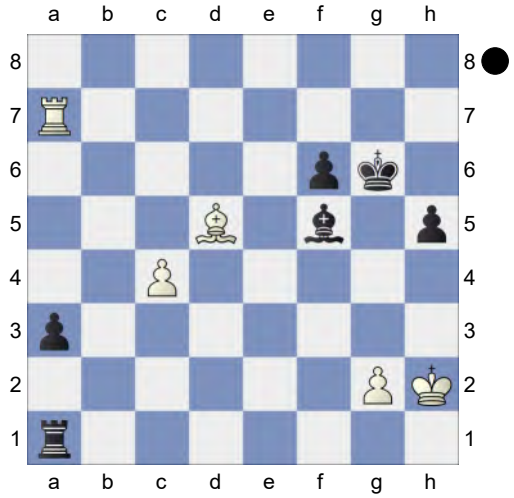


36...Nf7 -0.01/28
[36...Qxa4 37.Bh6+ *(37.Re7+ Nf7+-)* 37...Kh8 38.Qf4]
[36...Ne6!∓ -1.39/31 37.Bh6+ *(37.dxe6 Qxd2 38.Bxd2 Re8±)* 37...Kh8]
37.d6 -0.48/29
[37.gxf7= -0.01/28 Kxh7 38.d6]
37...Nxd6∓
[37...Qxa4 38.Re7 Qa1+ 39.Qc1 Qxc1+ 40.Bxc1+-]
[37...Be6 feels hotter. 38.gxf7 Kxh7 39.Qe2 Bxf7 40.Qe7 Qxe7 41.Rxe7 Bb8]
38.Qxd6? -2.76/31
[38.Bxd6= -0.29/28 and White is okay. Be6 39.Rd1]
38...Qxd6? -0.21/21
[Better is 38...Bc5-+ -2.76/31 39.Qxd7+ *(39.Qxa6? Re8-+)* 39...Bxd7]

39.Bxd6= Threatens to win with Re7+.
39...Bc5 40.Bxc5 Rxc5 Endgame KRB-KRB **41.Re7+ Kh6 42.Ra7 Ra5 43.Bg8! Kxg6 44.Bxc4 Rxa4 45.Bd3+ Bf5 46.Be2** -1.21/25
[White should try 46.Bxa6∓ -0.34/23 Kh6 47.Ra8]
46...a5∓ 47.Bf3 -1.76/23
[47.c4∓ -1.20/24]



47...Ra1+ -1.05/23
[47...Be6!-+ -1.76/23 48.Kh2 Bg8]
48.Kh2 a4 49.c4 a3
[49...Bg4 simplifies 50.Bxg4 hxg4 51.Kg3 f5]
50.Bd5



a2 -0.01/25

[50...Kg5!∓ -0.86/26 And now ...Kf4 would win. 51.c5 Kf4]

51.c5= The position is equal. **51...Rc1 52.Rxa2 Rxc5 53.Rd2 Bg4 54.Be4+ Kg5 55.Rd5+ Rxd5 56.Bxd5** KB-KB. Black is a pawn up. **56...h4 57.Bc6 f5 58.Kg1 Kf4 59.Kf2 Ke5 60.Bb7 f4 61.Ba6 Kd4 62.Bb7 Ke5 63.Ba8 Kd4 64.Bb7** Black defended with fortune. Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/Black=0.67 **64...Ke5 ½-½**

266 **C53**
□ **Dominguez Perez,L.** **2738**
■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2729**
Saint Louis Blitz 2025 (10.2) 15.08.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.a4 a5**

[6...a6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Ba7 9.Nbd2 Qe7 10.h3 g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Qe2 Qf6 13.Bh2 Nf4 14.Bxf4 gxf4 15.g4 Ne7 16.b4 Ng6 17.Kd1 h5 18.g5 Qe7 19.b5 Kf8 20.bxa6 bxa6 21.d4 0-1 Anand,V (2784)-Aronian,L (2792) Zuerich Opening Blitz 5th_19495 2016 (3)]

7.Bg5N

[7.h3 h6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Nf1 Be6 10.Ng3 d5 11.exd5 Bxd5 12.Qb3 e4 13.Bxd5 exf3 14.Bxf3 Qxd3 15.Qb5 Nb4 16.Qxd3 Nxd3+ 17.Kd2 Rad8 18.Kc2 Bxf2 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Bxe4 Ne1+ 21.Kb1 c6 0-1 Veres,E (2596)-Krueger,A (2652) FRA-chT Top 16 Gp Haute 2010 (4.3) 22.Be3 Bg3 23.Bf4 Bf2 24.Be3 Bh4 25.Bb6 Rd2 26.Ka2 Re2 27.Bf3 Nxf3 28.gxf3 Bd8 29.Bc5 Rfe8 30.Rhd1 Bf6 31.Kb3 b5 32.Bd6 Rd8 33.axb5 cxb5 34.Bc7 a4+ 0-1 Santos Ruiz,M (2596)-Korobov,A (2652) ESP-chT CECLUB Honor 2023 (4.3)]

[7.Nbd2 0-0 8.0-0 Be6 9.Qb3 Qd7 10.Re1 h6 11.Nf1 Bxc4 12.Qxc4 Qe6 13.Qxe6 fxe6 14.Be3 Nd7 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 Bb4 17.Rec1 d5 18.Ng3 dxe4 19.Nxe4 Nf6 20.Nc5 Bxc5 21.Rxc5 Nd5 ½-½ Kramer,A (2596)-Pirk,H (2667) cor 1980 (8)]

7...h6 8.Bh4 The position is equal. **8...Qe7 9.0-0 0-0** 0.39/23

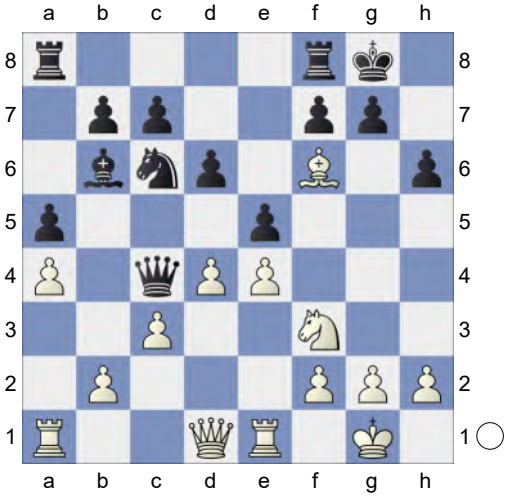
[9...Ba7= -0.13/22]

10.Nbd2± Be6 11.Re1 Bxc4 12.Nxc4 Qe6 1.19/27

[12...g5± 0.47/22]

13.d4± Qxc4 14.Bxf6 Bb6 1.80/26

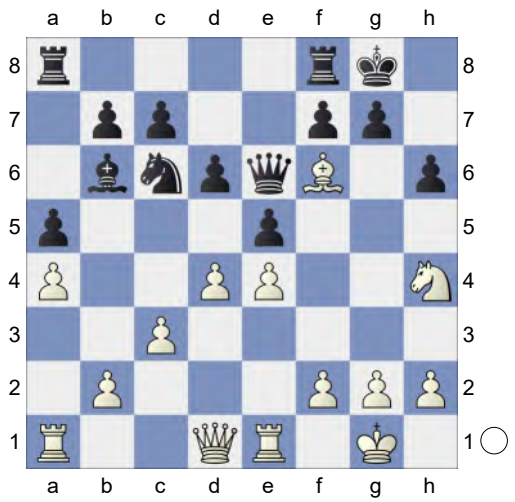
[14...gxf6± 0.85/27 15.dxc5 Rad8]



15.Nh4!+- Qe6

[15...gxf6 16.Nf5 Rfd8 17.d5± *(17.Nxh6+ Kg7±)*]

(Diagram)

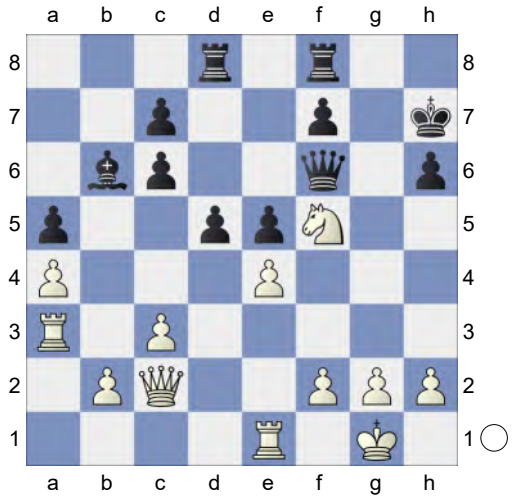


Wards off Qg4 **16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.d5 Qf6 18.Nf5+ Kh7 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.Ra3 d5** 2.61/24

[⌓20...Rg8 1.91/22]

21.Qc2 Rad8 3.53/22

[21...Rg8 2.16/20 might work better. 22.c4 *(22.exd5 e4±)* 22...dxc4 23.Qxc4 Qe6]



22.c4! dxe4? 5.42/25

[22...Rg8 3.16/22 23.Rh3 Rg6]

23.Qxe4 Rd2 24.Rf3

[24.Qxe5? Qxe5 *(24...Bxf2+ 25.Kf1=)* 25.Ne3 Qxb2-+ *(25...Rxb2? 26.h3-+)*]

24...Kh8 25.g3

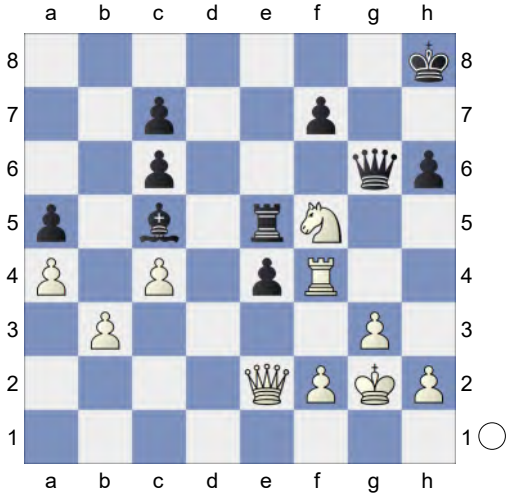
[25.Qxe5? Qxe5 26.Ne3 Rxb2-+ *(26...Qxb2? 27.c5-+)*]

[25.Nd4 Qd6 26.Nf5 *(26.Qxe5+? Qxe5-+; 26.Nxc6 f6±)* 26...Qe6+-]

25...Re8 26.b3 Qg6 27.Kg2 Bc5 28.Re2 Rxe2 29.Qxe2 e4? 5.87/24

[29...Bd6 3.16/23 30.Nxd6 cxd6]

30.Rf4 Re5



31.Nxh6 Deflection **31...f5**

[31...Qxh6 32.Rh4]

32.Rh4

[32.Nxf5 Rxf5 33.Qxe4 Rg5±]

32...Kg7 33.Qd1 Be7 34.Qd7 Kf8 35.Qc8+ Qe8 36.Qxe8+

[36.Qxc7? Bxh4 37.gxh4 Qg6+ 38.Kf1 Re6 39.Qxa5 Qxh6 40.Qxf5+ Ke8-+]

36...Kxe8 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **37.Rh5 e3 38.fxe3** Overworked Piece

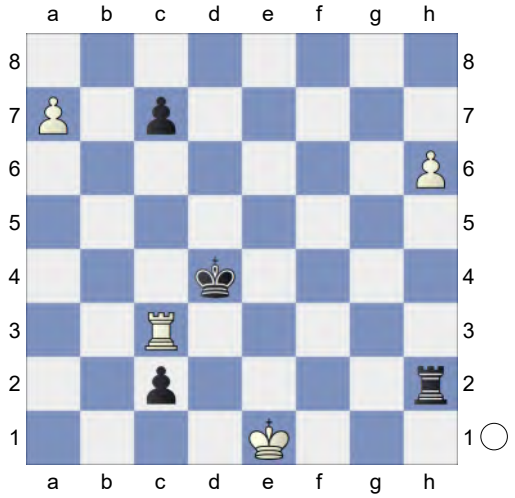
[38.Rxf5? Rxf5 39.fxe3 *(39.Nxf5? e2-+)* 39...Rf6-+]

38...Rxe3 39.Nxf5 Rxb3 40.Nxe7 Kxe7 41.Rxa5 KR-KR. White is two pawns up. **41...Rc3 42.h4 Rxc4 43.h5 Kf6 44.Kh3 c5 45.g4 Kg5 46.Ra6 Rc3+ 47.Kg2 Kxg4 48.h6 Rc2+ 49.Kf1 Kf3?** 6.94/19

[49...c4 3.43/21 50.Rg6+ Kf5]

50.Ke1 Ke3 51.Kd1 -0.01/26 Repels Rc1+

[51.Re6++- 7.00/20 Kf4 52.a5]
51...Rh2= 52.a5
[52.Rc6!? Kd3□ 53.Ke1= *(53.Kc1 c4=)*]
52...Kd3 53.Ke1 c4 54.Rc6! c3 55.a6! and Rxc3+! would now be decisive
[55.Rxc7 Rxh6 56.Rd7+ Kc2∓]
55...c2 (→ ...Rxh6!) **56.a7** Chess con chili. **56...Ke3?** 11.83/23
[56...Re2+= -0.01/16 57.Kf1 Re8]
57.Rc3++-
[57.a8B? Rh1#]
57...Kd4



Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.76 **58.Rxc2!!** Promotion
1-0

267 **C50**
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2737**
■ **Aravindh,Chithambaram VR.** **2618**
Chennai Grand Masters 2024 | Tie-Brea..
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4** 1 **e5** 1 **2.Nf3** 2 **Nc6** 1 **3.Bc4** 1 **Bc5** 2 **4.Nc3** 5 **Nf6** 4 **5.d3** 1 **h6** 8 **6.Be3** 16
[6.Nd5 d6 7.c3 a6 8.b4 Ba7 9.Be3 Be6 10.0-0 Bxd5 11.Bxd5 Nxd5 12.exd5 Ne7 13.Bxa7 Rxa7 14.c4 0-0 15.Re1 f5 16.Qd2 Ra8 17.Qe3 Qd7 18.a4 Rae8 19.b5 a5 20.Nd2 b6 ½-½ 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘c3 a6 (2245)-Chapter 1 (2370) British CC Ch corr 1991 (7)]
6...d6N 5
[6...Bxe3 7.fxe3 d6 8.Nd5 *(8.0-0 Na5 9.Bb3 Nxb3 10.axb3 c6 11.d4 0-0 12.Qd3 Qe7 13.Rad1 Bg4 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Rxf3 d5 16.dxe5 Nd7 17.Qd4 dxe4 18.Rf5 g6 19.Rf2 Nxe5 20.Qxe4 f5 21.Qf4 g5 22.Qg3 Rad8* 1-0 Priyanka,N (2148)-2...d6 3 Bb5+ Nc6/ 2...Nc6 (1873) SFN-3284 1997 (2) *)* 8...Nxd5 9.Bxd5 Ne7 10.Bb3 Ng6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rf2 Be6 Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO C5 Survey 2006]
[6...Bb6 7.Nd5 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.h3 Na5 10.Bb3 Nxd5 11.Bxd5 c6 12.Bb3 Nxb3 13.axb3 Bc7 #1 B5) Italian – 4.d3 h6 5.Nc3-Italian – 4. d3 h6 5.Nc3]
7.Bxc5 3 **dxc5** 1 **8.Bb5** 1 **Bg4** 20 **9.Bxc6+** 5 **bxc6** 2 White is better. **10.b3** 0.53/23 25
[10.h3± 0.93/21 Bxf3 11.Qxf3]
10...0-0 0.94/21 30
[10...Bxf3± 0.53/23 11.Qxf3 Qd4]
11.0-0± 11 **Nd7** 1.30/21 3
[⌂11...Nh7 0.91/23]
12.h3 11 **Bh5** 1 **13.Qe2** 3 **Re8** 11 **14.g4** 12 **Bg6** 1 **15.Qe3** 2 **Qe7** 5 **16.Kh2** 12 **Nf8** 25 **17.Na4** 1 **Ne6** 1 **18.Nxe5** 13 **Nd4** 9 **19.Nxg6** 0.90/20 28
[⌂19.f4 1.51/23 Nxc2 20.Qxc5 Nxa1 21.Qxe7 *(21.Rxa1 Qh4±)* 21...Rxe7 22.Rxa1]
19...fxg6 10

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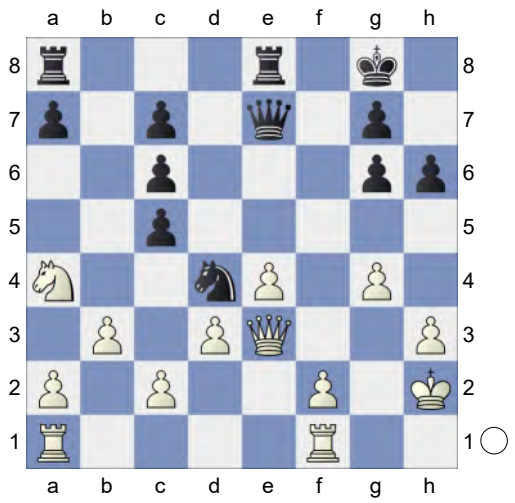
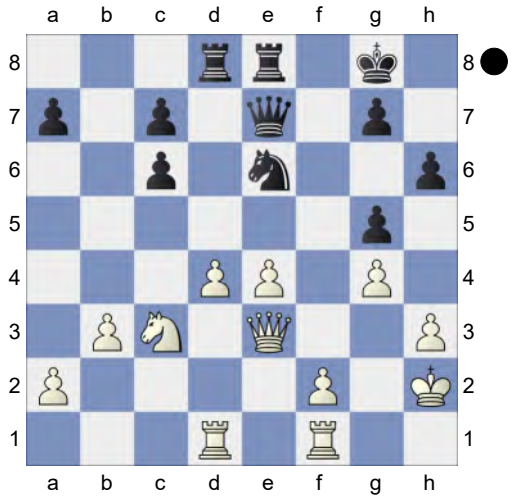


20.Rad1 0.49/21 1
[White should try 20.f4!± 0.98/25]
20...g5!± 4 **21.c3** 5
[21.f3 is more complex. Rf8 22.Kg2 Qe5 23.c3]
21...Ne6 8 **22.d4** 1 **cxd4** 3 **23.cxd4** 1 **Rad8!** 6 **24.Nc3** -0.36/19 24
[24.Kh1= 0.12/21 deserves consideration.]



24...Nxd4!∓ 4 Decoy **25.Kg2** 10
[25.Rxd4? loses. Qe5+ 26.Qg3 Rxd4 27.Qxe5 Rxe5-+]
[25.Ne2 c5]
25...Qe5 8
[25...c5 simplifies 26.Ne2 Qxe4+ 27.Qxe4 Rxe4 28.Nc3 Ree8]
26.Rd2 8 **Rf8** 0.00/23 29
[26...Ne6∓ -0.40/23 27.Rfd1 Nf4+ 28.Kg1 Rxd2 29.Rxd2 Kh8]
27.f3 -0.77/21 16
[27.Rfd1= 0.00/23 Ne6 28.Rxd8 Nxd8 29.Rd3]
27...Ne6 3 White must now prevent ... Rxd2+. Black has more active pieces.
28.Ne2 5 **Rxd2** 4 **29.Qxd2** 0 **Rd8** 1 **30.Qc2** 1 **c5** 6 **31.Rd1** 5 **Rxd1** 5 Deflection **32.Qxd1∓** 0 Endgame. KQN-KQN **32...Qb2↑** 2 Keeping White busy.
33.Kf1 -1.92/21 2
[33.a4∓ -0.77/20]
33...Nd4? -0.28/22 4
[Better is 33...Qxa2-+ -1.92/21 And now ...Qa6 would win. 34.Ke1 Kf7]
34.Qd3? -4.14/23 11
[34.Nxd4= -0.28/22 and White stays safe. cxd4 35.Ke1]
34...Qxa2? 0.00/27 4
[34...Qa1+-+ -4.14/23 35.Kf2 Qxa2 36.Qc4+ Kh7]
35.Qc4+ 3 **Kh7** -0.58/21 3
[35...Kh8= -0.16/26 36.Nxd4 cxd4]
36.e5? -6.21/27 2
[36.Nxd4∓ -0.58/21 cxd4 37.Qd5]
36...Qxb3-+ 7 Black is clearly winning.
[Worse is 36...Nxb3 37.Qe4+ Kg8 38.Qd5+ Kh7 39.Qd3+ Kg8 40.Qd5+ Kh7 41.Qe4+ Kh8 42.Qa8+ Kh7 43.Qe4+=]
37.Qxb3 4 **Nxb3** 1 KN-KN **38.Nc3** 0 **Kg6** 4 **39.Ke2** 2 **Kf7** 4 **40.Ke3** 1 **Ke6** 1 **41.f4** 1 **gxf4+** 2 **42.Kxf4** 0 **g5+** 2 **43.Ke4** 1 **Nd2+** 2 Quite a comeback for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/Black=0.29 (precise)
0-1

268 **C50**
□ **pawnocchio_bot** **2737**
■ **Vatsal_1123_bot** **3008**
Blitz 25.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Na4 Bb6 7.Nxb6**

[7.a3 0-0 *(7...h6 8.h3 0-0 9.0-0 Qe7 10.c3 Be6 11.Nxb6 axb6 12.Bb5 Na7 13.Ba4 c5 14.Re1 Bd7 15.Bc2 Nc6 16.d4 Rfe8 17.d5 Nd8 18.Be3 Rf8 19.a4 Nh7 20.Nd2 f5 21.exf5 Bxf5 22.Bxf5* ½-½ Ronneland,D (2690)-Uzhva,A (2677) Theorie (1.1)*)* 8.0-0 Ne7 9.Nxb6 axb6 10.Bg5 Be6 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Nh4 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.d4 c6 15.Re1 b5 16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Qh5 e4 18.f3 b4 19.fxe4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Ra5 21.Qh6 Qd5 1-0 Karjakin,S (2778)-Topalov,V (2749) Gashimov Memorial 5th 2018 (9)]

7...axb6 8.0-0N

[8.a3 h6 *(8...Be6 9.Qe2 h6 10.h3 Qe7 11.0-0 Bxc4 12.dxc4 Qe6 13.b3 g5 14.Nd2 Rg8 15.c3 g4 16.hxg4 Rxg4 17.f3 Rg6 18.Rf2 Nh5 19.Nf1 Nf4 20.Bxf4 exf4 21.b4 Ne5 22.Nd2 h5 23.Kf1* 0-1 Juan Lepp,J-Shamsuddin,S 109/(187) Villafranca de los Barros 2010*)* 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 The Italian for beginners]

8...Na5 9.Bd5 c6

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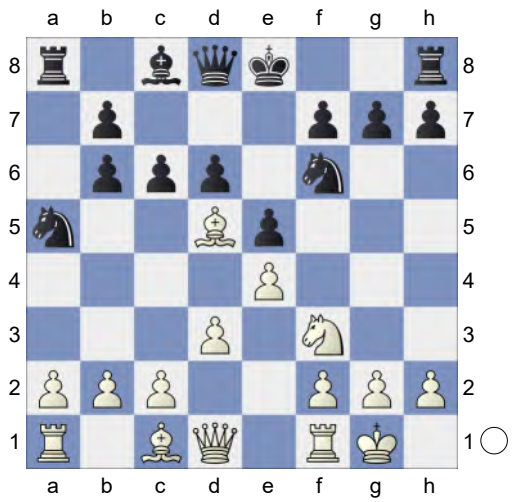


10.Bxf7+ The position is equal.

10...Kxf7 11.b4 Rf8 12.bxa5

[12.Re1!?]

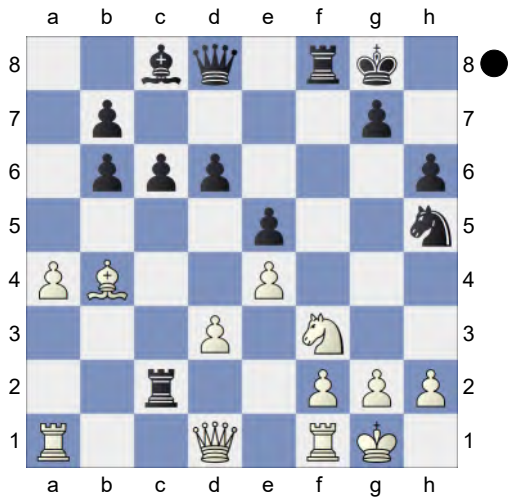
12...Rxa5 13.Be3 Kg8 14.Qb1 Rb5 15.Qe1 h6 1.01/21

[15...Ra5= 0.21/19 keeps the balance.]

16.Bd2± Nh5 17.a4 0.01/19

[17.c4± 0.76/20 Rc5 18.Qe3 *(18.Bb4 Bg4∓)*]

17...Rc5= 18.Bb4 Rxc2 19.Qd1!



Rxf3! 20.Qxc2

[20.Qxf3 Nf4]

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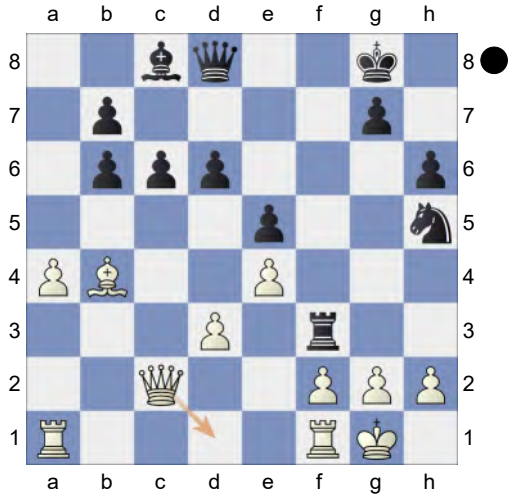
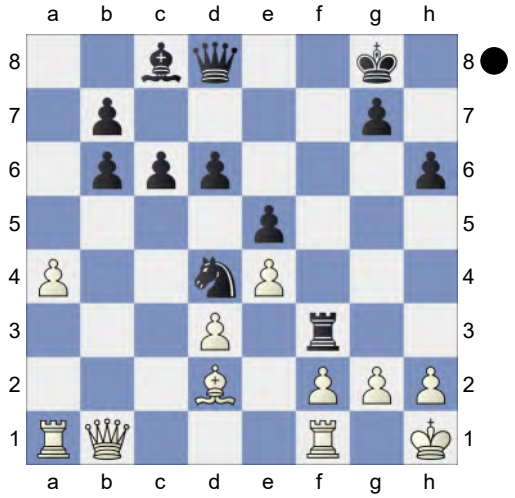


20...Nf4! 21.Bd2!
[21.gxf3? Qg5+ 22.Kh1 Qg2#]
21...Ne2+ Black has compensation.
22.Kh1 Nd4 Active counter play!
23.Qb1



White is weak on the light squares
23...Qh4! 24.Be3
[24.gxf3 Nxf3]

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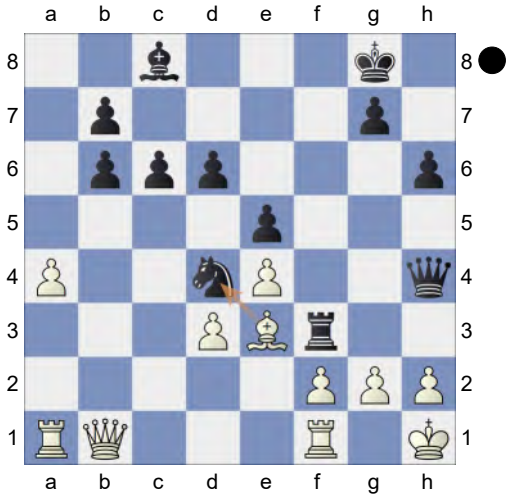
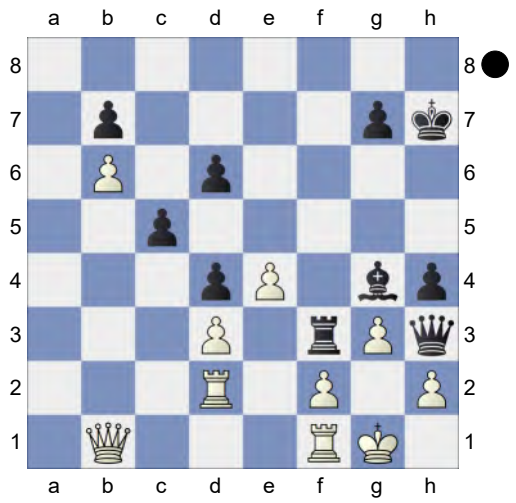
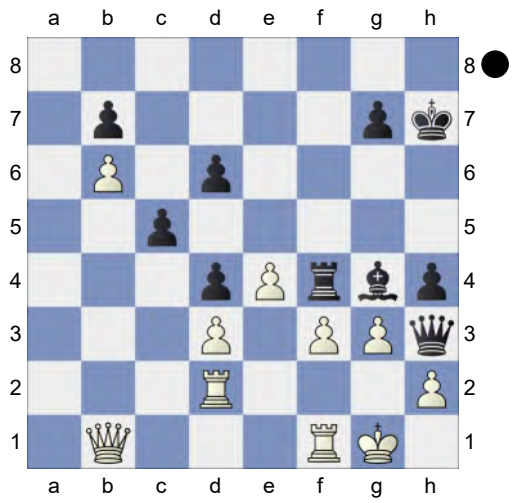


24...Bg4! 25.g3 -0.54/23
[25.gxf3? Bxf3+ 26.Kg1 Qg4#]
[White should try 25.Rg1!= 0.01/23 Ne2 26.gxf3 Nxg1 27.Kxg1 *(27.fxg4 Nf3+-)* 27...Bxf3 28.Kf1 *(28.Qxb6 Qh3 29.Qd8+ Kh7)*]
25...Qh3 26.Bxd4!
[26.Qxb6? Ne2 27.Rae1 Rf6-+ *(27...Nxg3+? 28.Kg1-+)*]
26...exd4 27.Kg1!
[27.Qxb6? Rxd3 28.Qd8+ Kh7-+]
27...h5 ...h4 poses a challenge **28.a5!**
[28.Qxb6 Rxd3 29.Qd8+ *(29.Qxb7 Bf3)* 29...Kh7-+]
28...Kh7 29.axb6
[29.Qxb6 Rxd3 30.f3 *(30.Qxb7? Bf3)* 30...Rd2 *(30...Bxf3? 31.Rxf3 Rxf3 32.Qxb7-+)* 31.Rf2 Rxf2 32.Kxf2 Qxh2+ 33.Ke1 Bxf3]
29...h4
[29...Rf4!? 30.f3□ *(30.gxf4? Bf3 31.f5 Qg4#)* 30...Bxf3∓]
30.Ra2! c5 31.Rd2

(Diagram)



Rf4! Clearance **32.f3!**



Bxf3!→ Black has some attack. **33.gxf4 Qg4+ 34.Kf2 Qxf4 35.Re1** Prevents Qe3+. and Qb2 would now be decisive **35...Bg4+**

[35...Qxd2+? 36.Kxf3 Qxh2 37.Rg1+-]

36.Kg1 Qxd2 Endgame KQR-KQB **37.Qc1! Qxd3 38.Qf4 Qc3 39.Rf1**

[39.Kf2 looks sharper. Qh3 40.Rg1 Bd7 41.Rg2]

39...Qh3

[39...Qe3+? 40.Qxe3 dxe3 41.Rf7+-]

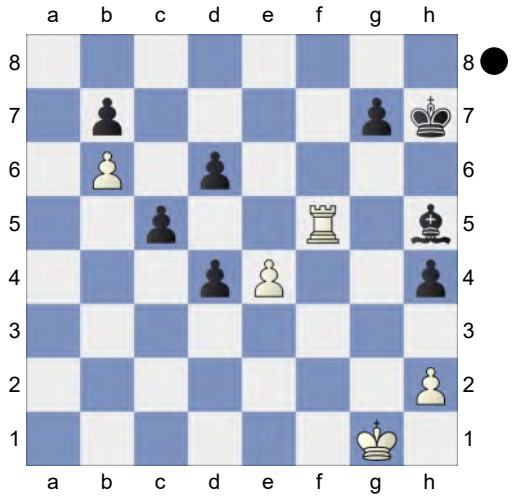
40.Rf2 -1.57/24

[40.Qg5!∓ -0.34/23 Bf3 41.Kf2]

40...Bh5∓ White does not recover from this. **41.Qf5+?** -7.84/21

[41.Rg2∓ -0.96/26]

41...Qxf5-+ 42.Rxf5



KR-KB **42...Bg6! 43.Rf4 Kh6 44.Rxh4+ Kg5 45.Rh8 c4**

[Inferior is 45...Bxe4 46.Rc8=]

46.Kf2 c3

[46...Bxe4 47.h4+ Kf4 48.Rf8+ Ke5 49.Rf7∓]

47.Rc8 Bh5 48.Ke1 Kf4 49.e5 dxe5 50.Rc5 Bf3 51.Rc4 Ke3 52.Rc7 g5 and ...Kd3 would now be decisive **53.h3 Kd3 54.Kf2 Bd5 55.Kg3 c2 56.h4 Bc4 57.hxg5 c1Q**

[57...c1B 58.Rxb7 Bf4+ *(58...Bxg5 59.Kg4-+)* 59.Kg4 Be6+ 60.Kh5-+]

58.Kg4 Qf4+ 59.Kh5 Bd5 60.Kg6 Be4+ 61.Kh6 Qf8+ 62.Kh5 Qf5 63.Kh4 Bf3 Black mates. **64.Kg3 Qg4+ 65.Kf2 Qg2+ 66.Ke1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.85/Black=0.04 (flawless) **66...Qg1#**

0-1

269 **C50**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
■ **Vidit,S.** **2720**
Niemann-Vidit Blitz Day 1 (8) 28.06.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 Pezzi/Carosi: 'Glenn Flear: 'Think before castling! --- The following miniature illustrates the problem with 'castling into it'. Here this means committing the king early, followed by provoking the opponent to advance his pawns on that front. This doesn't mean that I'm against castling, far from it, but it shouldn't be a routine move. The general rule should be: think before committing your king!'' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.0-0 Nf6 6.c3N**

[6.h3 Na5 7.Bb3 Nxb3 8.cxb3 h6 9.Nc3 Be6 10.Bd2 g5 11.b4 Bb6 12.Nh2 g4 13.hxg4 Rg8 14.d4 Nxg4 15.g3 Bxd4 16.Ne2 Bb6 17.Nxg4 Bxg4 18.Kg2 Qh4 19.Qa4+ Bd7 20.Qb3 Qxe4+ 0-1 Diaz Avila,J (1374)-Gonzalez Bolivar,J (1524) COL-ch U14 Cartagena 2023 (5)]

[6.a4 a6 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 0-0 9.Qe1 Ne7 10.Nh4 Be6 11.Nd2 Qd7 12.Qg3 Bxc4 13.Nxc4 Qg4 14.Qe1 Qe6 15.b3 g6 16.a5 Kg7 17.Nf3 h6 18.Nh4 Neg8 19.h3 Rae8 20.Qb4 Qc8 ½-½ IBd7 (2698)-Behrmann (2553) Daring Defences 2020 (6.2)]

[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 h5 9.Nxg5 h4 10.Nxf7 hxg3 11.Nxd8 Bg4 12.Qd2 Nd4 13.Nc3 Nf3+ 14.gxf3 Bxf3 15.h3 0-1 Knorr,V-Chigorin,M 010 St Petersburg 1874]

6...0-0 7.Re1 a5

[7...Bb6 8.h3 Prevents Ng4 h6 9.a4 a5 10.Nbd2 Ne7 11.Bb3 Ng6 0.48/22 *(11...c6=* 0.11/21 *)* 12.d4 0.09/21 *(12.Nc4±* 0.48/22 deserves consideration.*)* 12...Re8 0.68/23 *(12...c6!=* 0.09/21 *)* 13.Nc4± Be6 1.14/23 *(13...c6±* 0.62/20 *)* 14.Nxb6 Bxb3 15.Qxb3 cxb6 16.Be3 exd4 17.Bxd4 Nxe4 18.Bxb6 Qd7 19.Rad1 Nf4 Threatens to win with ... Nxh3+!. 20.Re3 0.12/22 *(20.Kh2±* 0.81/23 *)* 20...d5 0.59/21 *(20...Qf5=* 0.12/22 *)* 21.c4± Qf5 22.cxd5 ½-½ Niemann,H (2688)-Vidit,S (2721) North Richland Hills blitz m1 2024 (1. 3)]

8.Nbd2 Be6 9.Bb5 Ba7 The position is equal. **10.Nf1 Ne7 11.d4 Ng6 12.h3 exd4!** 12...exd4 is better than 12...c6. 12...exd4 ist besser als 12...c6. **13.Nxd4 c6!?** Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade. **14.Bd3 Re8 15.Ng3 Nd7N** 0.95/19

[15...Bd7 16.Ndf5 -0.28/24 *(⌓16.Nf3* 0.23/20 *)* 16...Bxf5 17.Nxf5 d5 18.exd5 Rxe8+ is the strong threat. Rxe1+ 19.Qxe1 Qxd5 20.Bc2 Re8 21.Qf1 Ne4 0-1 Moussard,J (2649)-Gholami Orimi,M (2402) Sitges Sunway op-A 11th playoff 2024 (1.3)]

[15...Bd7= 0.07/22 remains equal.]

16.Bc2 Qh4 1.02/20

[16...Nde5± 0.64/20]

17.Be3± Bxd4 18.cxd4

[Don't do 18.Qxd4 Nge5±]

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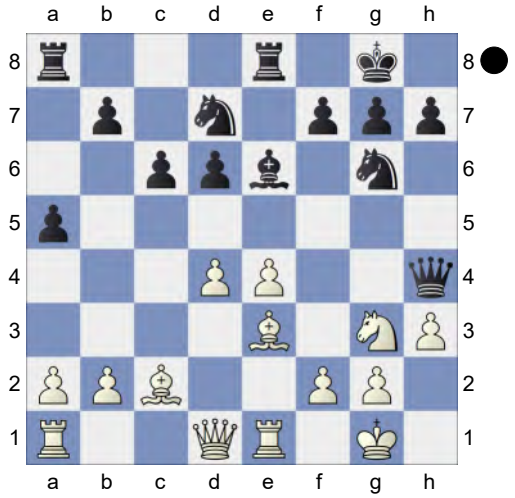


18...d5 19.Qd2 h6 Dodges Bg5 **20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.exf5 Ngf8 22.Bf4↑** Keeping Black busy. **22...Nh7 23.Bg3 Qf6 24.h4** 0.60/24

[24.Bc7± 1.10/21]

24...Rxe1+± 25.Rxe1 Qd8 26.f3 a4 2.06/25

[Better is 26...Nhf6± 0.61/21]

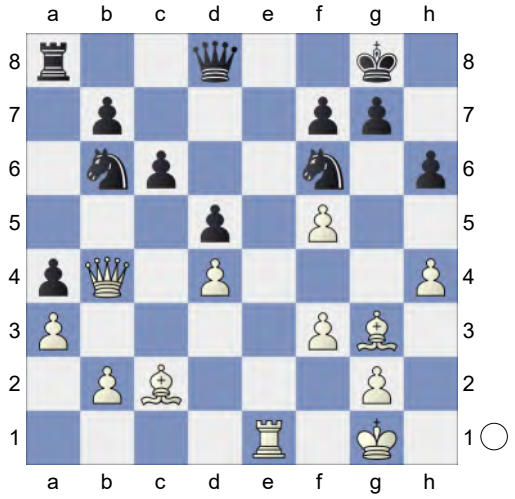
27.a3? 0.49/22

[27.Qb4+- 2.06/25]

27...Nb6? 2.04/23

[27...b5± 0.49/22]

28.Qb4+- Nf6



29.Re4? -8.13/22 Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.31 **29...dxe4**

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270 **C50**

□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**

■ **Martinez Alcantara,Jose Eduardo**

Titled Tue 29th Apr Late blitz (7) 29.4.25

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.c3 Bb6 6.a4 a6 7.0-0 h6 8.b4** White is slightly better. **8...Nge7 9.Re1 Ng6 10.Nbd2N**

[10.a5!? Ba7□ 11.Be3= 0-0 12.Nbd2 Kh8 13.Bxa7 Rxa7 14.d4 Nf4 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nb3 Qf6 17.Re3 Rd8 18.Qf1 Bg4 19.Ne1 Ne7 20.f3 Be6 21.Bxe6 fxe6 22.g3 Qg5 23.Kh1 Nh5 24.Rd3 Rxd3 25.Nxd3 b6 26.Qf2 1-0 Majek,K (2072)-Wesolek,K (1921) Polanica Zdroj op 59th 2023 (2) Nc8 27.Rd1 Ra8 28.axb6 cxb6 29.Nd2 Nf6 30.Nc4 Nd7 31.f4 exf4 32.Nxf4 Nf8 33.Qf3 Ra7 34.e5 Rf7 35.Qe4 b5 36.Nd6 Nxd6 37.exd6 Rd7 1-0 Mcnutt,W (2072)-Rossolimo Nicolas (1921) Cup-8 corr BdF 1974 (2)]

10...0-0 11.Bb3

[11.a5!? Ba7□ 12.Nf1=]

11...Ba7 12.Nf1 Be6 0.56/19

[12...Kh8= 0.12/20 might be stronger.]

13.Be3± Bxe3 14.Nxe3 Qf6 15.Bc2 Nf4 16.g3 Ng6 1.18/20

[16...Nh3+± 0.35/20 17.Kg2 Ne7]

17.Kg2 Rad8 18.b5 0.45/21

[18.h4± 1.18/19]

18...Na5 1.05/20

[18...Nce7± 0.45/21]

19.h4 Rfe8 20.Nh2 0.78/18

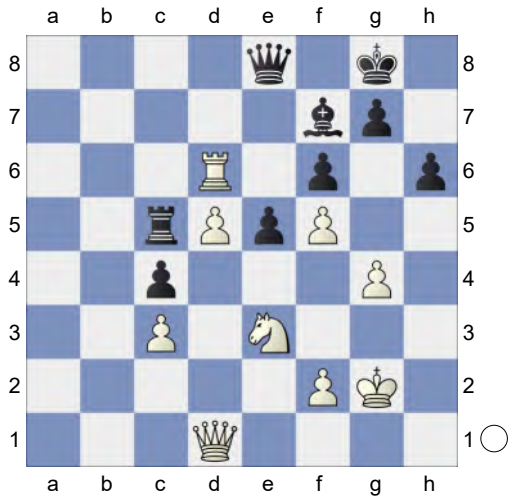
[⌓20.Nd5 1.23/20 Bxd5 21.exd5]

20...Qe7± 21.d4 c6 22.Qf3 0.38/22

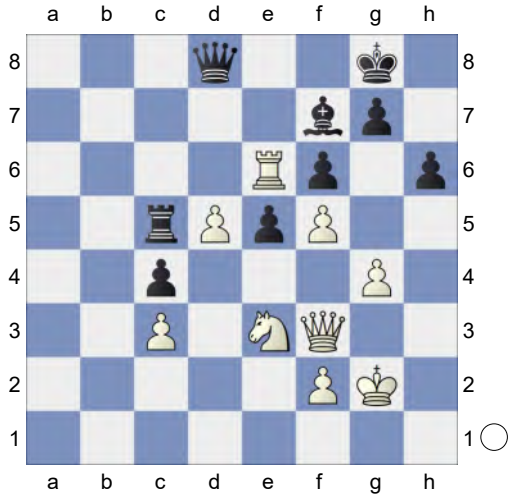
[22.Bd3± 0.83/18]

22...Nc4 23.Nf5 Qf8 24.Ng4 -0.37/21
[24.d5± 0.94/20 cxd5 25.exd5 Bxf5 26.Qxf5 *(26.Bxf5 Ne7=)*]
24...axb5 0.54/21
[24...d5!∓ -0.37/21 25.bxc6 dxe4 26.Nfxh6+ *(26.Rxe4? Nd2∓; 26.Qxe4? Bd5-+* Pin *)* 26...Kh8 *(26...gxh6 27.Nf6+ Kh8 28.Bxe4∓)* 27.Bxe4 *(27.Rxe4 Nd2∓; 27.Qxe4? Bd5-+* Pin, Double Attack *)* 27...Nd2]
25.axb5 -0.21/21
[25.d5!⩲ 0.54/21]
25...cxb5 0.62/21
[25...d5= -0.21/21 26.bxc6 bxc6]
26.d5⩲ Bd7 27.Bd3 Ne7 28.Ra7 -0.50/25 White is much more active.
[28.Bxc4⩲ 0.64/23 bxc4 *(28...Nxf5 29.exf5 bxc4 30.f6⩲)* 29.Ra7 *(29.Nxd6? Bxg4* Discovered Attack *30.Qxg4 Rxd6-+)*]
28...Nxf5∓ 29.exf5 f6? 1.55/24
[29...h5∓ -0.35/25 stays ahead. 30.Nh2 e4 31.Rxe4 *(31.Bxe4 Re5=)* 31...Ne5 32.Rxe5 Rxe5 33.Rxb7 Qe8]
30.Rxb7 0.23/25
[30.Bxc4!± 1.55/24 bxc4 31.Rxb7]
30...Re7? 2.25/24
[30...h5= 0.23/25 31.Nh2 *(31.Ne3? e4-+* Decoy *)* 31...e4 32.Bxe4 *(32.Qxh5? exd3 33.Rd1 Re5-+; 32.Rxe4 Ne5=)* 32...Re7]
31.Bxc4+- bxc4 32.Ne3 Rc8 33.Reb1 Be8 34.R7b6 Rec7 35.h5 Bf7 36.R1b5 0.86/22
[36.g4+- 1.92/22]
36...Rc5± 37.Qd1 0.55/26
[37.Rb4± 1.03/21]
37...Qe8 1.90/23
[37...Rxb5⩲ 0.55/26 38.Rxb5 Qe8]
38.Rxc5+- Rxc5 39.Rxd6 Qa1 would now be deadly. **39...Bxh5?** 3.62/22
[39...Qa8 1.91/21 40.g4 Rc8]

40.g4 Bf7



41.Re6? 0.81/23 **Qa8± 42.Qf3** 0.10/25 **Qd8** 0.87/24
[42...Rc8!= 0.10/25 keeps the balance.]



Wards off d6 **43.Qe4** 0.48/25
[43.Kg3!± 0.87/24]
43...Qd7 1.63/24
[43...Qa8⩲ 0.48/25]

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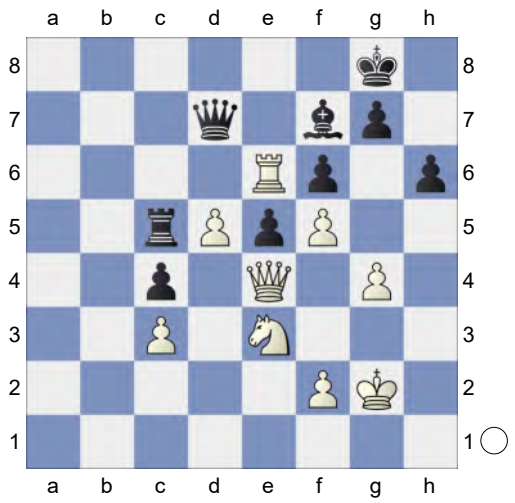
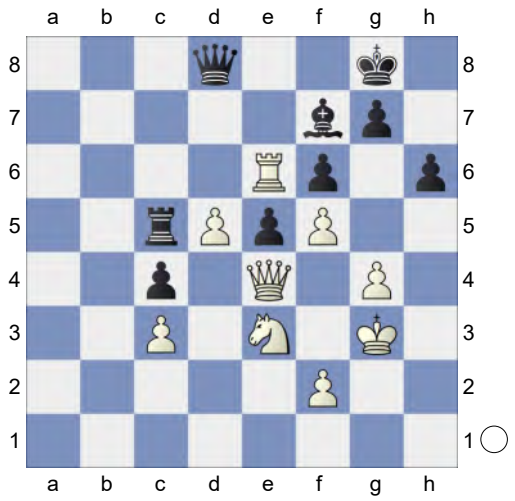


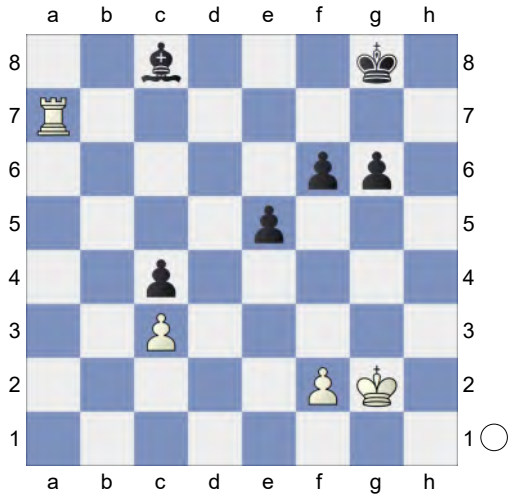
44.Kg3!+- Qd8 1.74/21
[44...Qb7± 0.64/21]



45.Qb1? 0.01/18 **Rxd5=**
[45...Bxe6? 46.fxe6 Rc8 47.Qb7+-]
46.Nxd5 Qxd5 Endgame KQR-KQB
[46...Bxe6 simplifies 47.fxe6 Qxd5 48.Qb8+ Kh7]
47.Re7 h5 0.57/26
[Black should play 47...Qd2= 0.01/29 48.Qb7 *(48.Qb8+ Kh7=)* 48...Qf4+ 49.Kh3 Qxf2]
48.gxh5 0.01/29
[White should play 48.Qb8+± 0.57/26 Kh7 49.Qb7 Qd3+ 50.Kh2]
48...Bxh5 1.20/34
[48...Qd2= 0.01/29 49.Qe4 *(49.Qb8+ Kh7=)* 49...Qxc3+ 50.Kg2 Qd2 51.Rxf7 *(51.Qa8+ Kh7=)* 51...Qg5+ *(51...Kxf7 52.Qxc4+ Kf8 53.Qc8+ Kf7 54.Qc4+ Kf8 55.Qc5+ Kg8 56.Qc4+ Kh7 57.Qg4=)* 52.Kf1 Qc1+ *(52...Kxf7 53.Qxc4+ Kf8 54.Qc8+ Kf7 55.h6=)* 53.Ke2 Kxf7]
49.Kh4? -#12/26
[49.Qb8+± 1.20/34 Kh7 50.Qb7 Qd3+ 51.f3 Qxf5 52.Rxg7+ Kh8 53.Rd7]
49...Qf3? 0.00/36
[49...Qg2 -#12/26 mates 50.Qb8+ Kh7 51.Rxg7+ Qxg7 52.f3 Bxf3 *(52...Qg5+? 53.Kh3-+)* 53.Qc7 Qxc7 54.Kg3 e4+ 55.Kf2 Qa7+ 56.Kg3 Qg1+ 57.Kh3 Qg4+ 58.Kh2 Qg2#]
50.Qg1 Qf4+
[50...Qxf5 51.Qxg7#]
51.Kh3!⇄ White is not holding back. Really sharp!
[51.Kxh5? Qh6+ *(51...Qxf5+ 52.Kh4=)* 52.Kg4 Qg5+ 53.Kf3 Qxg1-+]
51...Qxf5+
[51...Qh6!? 52.Qg3□ Bg6+ 53.Kg2 Bxf5=]
52.Kh2 Bg4 (→ ...Qh5+)
[52...Bf7 feels hotter. 53.Qg2 g5 54.Qa8+ Kg7]
53.Qg3 Qh5+ 54.Kg2 Kf8 55.Ra7
[55.Rc7!?]
55...g6 0.56/29
[55...Qg6= -0.01/22]
56.Qe3± Kg8 1.11/28
[56...Ke8± 0.42/30]
57.Qe4± White wants to mate with Qa8+. **57...Qf5?** #3/8
[57...Qg5± 1.07/24 58.f4 *(58.Qxc4+?* is the wrong capture. *Be6+ 59.Kh2 Bxc4-+)* 58...Bf5+ 59.fxg5 Bxe4+ 60.Kg3 fxg5]
58.Qa8+ 9.77/5

[⌓58.Qd5+ #3/8 Qe6 59.Qd8+ Qe8 60.Qxe8#]

58...Qc8+- 59.Qxc8+ Bxc8



KR-KB **60.Ra8! Kf7 61.Rxc8 Ke6 62.Rxc4** KR-K3P **62...Kd5 63.Rb4 Kc5 64.Kg3 e4 65.Kf4 Kd5 66.Ke3 g5 67.Rd4+** White mates. **67...Kc5 68.Rxe4** KR-KPP **68...f5 69.Rd4 g4 70.Kf4 g3 71.Kxg3 f4+ 72.Kxf4** KR-K **72...Kc6 73.Ke5 Kc7 74.f4 Kc8 75.f5 Kb8 76.f6 Ka8 77.Rd7 Kb8 78.Ke6 Kc8 79.f7 Kb8** What a fight! Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/Black=0.64 **80.f8Q#**

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271 **C50**

□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**

■ **Vidit,S.** **2720**

Niemann-Vidit Blitz Day 1 (18) 28.06.25

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.c3 Bb6 6.0-0 Nf6N**

[6...h6 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Bb3 *(8.b4 0-0 9.Re1 Ng4 10.Re2 Ne7 11.d4 exd4 12.cxd4 Ng6 13.h3 Nf6 14.a4 a5 15.b5 d5 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Qb3 Ndf4 18.Re4 Be6 19.Bxe6 Nxe6 20.Ba3 Re8 21.Rae1 Qd7 22.Qe3 Red8* 10 ½-½ Mihai,E (2189)-Egger,R (2064) corr MT/Stern/pr pr 2019*)* 8...a5 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 20.Nb1 Ne4 21.Nc3 0-1 Firouzja, A (2785)-Pultinevicius,P (2561) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early blitz 2022 (4) Nxc3 22.Rxc3 Qd6 23.Rac1 Rf7 24.R1c2 Rf4 25.Re3 Qf6 26.Rd3 Re8 27.Rc5 Qd6 28.Rcc3 Rfe4 29.g3 Re2 30.Rd2 Rxd2 31.Qxd2 Qg6 32.Kg2 Qb1 33.Rc1 Qf5 34.Rc3 Qb1 35.h4 Re7 36.Rc1 0-1 Firouzja,A (2785)-So,W (2760) Bucharest Superbet Classic 3rd 2023 (1)]

[6...Bg4 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Re1 0-0 9.Nf1 Qd7 10.Ne3 Bxe3 11.Bxe3 Na5 12.Bb3 Nxb3 13.axb3 a6 14.Bg5 Kh8 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Ng8 17.g4 f6 18.Bd2 Ne7 19.h4 Rad8 20.c4 c5 21.b4 0-1 Delmar,E-Gossip,G 6th American Congress 1889 (2.33)]

7.Re1 0-0 8.Nbd2 -0.24/17

[⌓8.a4 0.20/16]

8...Ng4!= 9.Re2 Na5 0.44/17

[9...Kh8!= -0.17/17]

10.h3 Nf6 11.b4 0.06/23

[11.Bb5± 0.46/19]

11...Nxc4 12.Nxc4 h6 13.a4 c6! 14.Nxb6! axb6 15.Be3 Re8 16.Re1 d5 17.Qc2 Qc7 18.c4 dxe4 19.dxe4 Be6 0.38/22

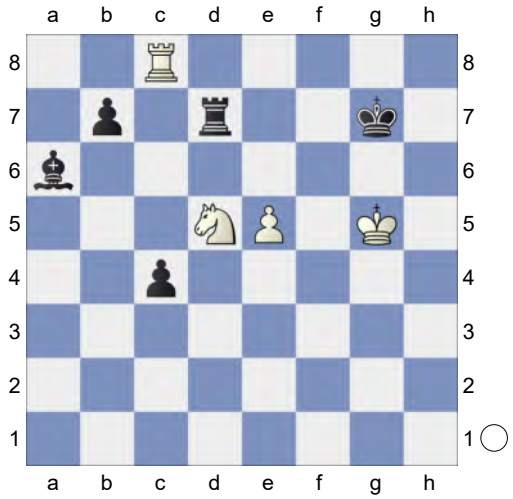
[19...c5= -0.01/22]

20.Nd2 -0.01/23

[20.c5± 0.38/22 bxc5 21.bxc5]

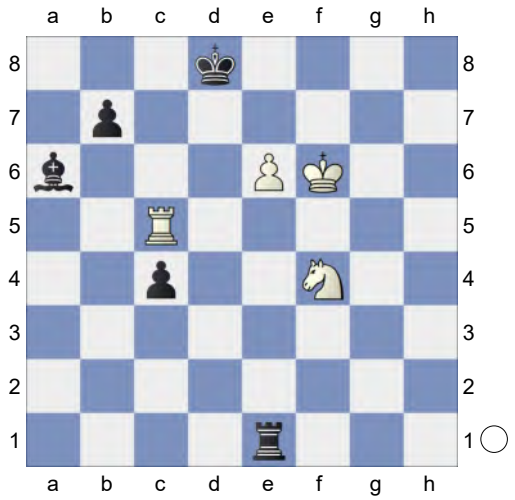
20...Red8 21.Qc3 Nh5 0.79/25

[21...c5= 0.01/26]
22.a5 0.35/23
[22.Nf3!± 0.79/25]
22...bxa5± 23.bxa5 Rd7 1.49/23
[23...c5= 0.27/21]
24.Nb3!± Nf4 25.Nc5 0.82/22 Inhibits Rd3.
[⌓25.Bb6 1.33/23 Qb8 26.Nc5]
25...Rdd8? 2.66/23
[25...Re7± 0.82/22]
26.Rab1? 0.03/22
[26.Nxe6!+- 2.66/23 Nxe6 27.Bb6]
26...Bc8= 27.Rb6 Ne6 28.Nd3 f6 29.Reb1 Qf7 30.f3 Qg6 31.Kh2 Ng5 32.Nf2 Qh5 0.63/22
[32...Qe8= 0.23/23]
33.R6b2 Kh7 34.Rd2 Rxd2 35.Qxd2 Ne6 36.Nd3 Nd4 37.Bxd4 exd4 38.c5 Qf7! 39.Rb6 -0.01/23
[39.e5± 0.53/21]
39...Qc7+ 40.Kg1 Qg3 41.Nf2 Qe5 42.Nd3 Qg5 43.Qxg5 hxg5 Endgame KRB-KRN **44.Rb4 Rxa5 45.Rxd4 Ra1+ 46.Kh2 Be6 47.Rd6 Bc4 48.Nf2 Ra5 49.Rd7 Ba6 50.Ng4 Kg8**
[50...Rxc5 51.Nxf6+ Kg6 52.Ne8±]
[50...Kg6?! 51.Ne3±]
51.Ne3 Rxc5 52.Nf5 Kf8! 53.Nxg7
[53.Rxg7? Rxf5 54.Rh7 Rb5-+]
53...Rc2 54.Kg1 -0.01/26
[54.Nf5± 0.62/25]
54...Rc1+ 55.Kh2 Rc2 56.Nf5 Be2 1.30/24
[56...Ra2!± 0.38/23]
57.Kg3!±
[57.Rxb7?! Bxf3 58.Kg3 *(58.Rb8+ Kf7=)* 58...Bxg2= *(58...Bxe4? 59.Rb8+ Kf7 60.Nd6+ Kg6 61.Nxe4+-)*]
57...Ba6? 3.97/23
[57...b5± 0.83/22 is more resistant.]
58.Ne3? 0.44/25
[58.Nd6+- 3.97/23]
58...Rb2 0.97/23
[58...Ke8± 0.44/25 59.Rg7 *(59.Rxb7 Rxg2+ 60.Kxg2 Bxb7∓)* 59...Rd2]
59.h4 0.23/22
[59.Rh7!± 0.97/23]
59...gxh4+= 60.Kxh4 c5? 2.07/24
[60...Ke8= 0.22/23 and Black is okay. 61.Rg7 Kf8]
61.Rc7!+- c4 2.16/24
[61...Re2± 1.48/24]
62.g4? 0.13/19
[62.Nxc4 Bxc4 63.Rxc4 Rxg2±]
[62.Kg4+- 2.16/24]
62...Rb3!= 63.Nd5 Rxf3 64.g5 fxg5+ 65.Kxg5 Rf7 aiming for ...Rxc7.
66.Rc8+ White has compensation.
66...Kg7 67.e5 Rd7 0.99/23
[67...b6= 0.21/21 remains equal. 68.Rd8 Bb7]



68.Nf4 0.33/25 White is more active.
[Better is 68.Rc5!± 0.99/23 And now e6 would win. Rf7 *(68...Kf7? 69.Kf5+-)* 69.e6]
68...Rd1? 2.03/27
[68...b6± 0.33/25 69.Rc6 Rd1]
69.Rc7++- Kf8? 7.84/26
[69...Kg8 2.22/26 70.e6 Rg1+ 71.Kf6 Rf1]

70.Kf6 Ke8 71.e6 6.05/25
[⌓71.Re7+ 14.25/28 Kd8 72.Ne6+ Kc8 73.Re8+ Kd7 74.Rd8+ Skewer Kc6 75.Rxd1]
71...Kd8 72.Rc5 White threatens e7+ and mate. **72...Re1**



73.Nd5? 0.56/27
[White must play 73.Rd5+!+- 4.37/27 Ke8 74.Rd7]
73...b6± 74.Nxb6 0.18/27
[74.Rc7± 0.64/26]
74...c3 75.Rxc3 Rf1+ 76.Ke5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.35 **76...Re1+**
½-½

272 **C54**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
■ **Malakhov,Vladimir** **2642**
Karpov Cup 50 Years rapid (2) 21.05.25
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.c3N**
[6.a4 a6 7.c3 Ba7 8.Re1 *(8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Re8 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b4 d5 13.Qc2 d4 14.Bb2 Nh5 15.b5 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Nb3 Qd8 20.g3 Rh6 21.Kg2 Qg5 22.Rh1 Rd8* 0-1 Lunacek,J (2702)-Ferri,S (2732) Chicago op 19th 2010 (11) *)* 8...Ng4 9.Re2 Qf6 10.Nbd2 g5 11.Qe1 Rg8 12.Nf1 Be6 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 Nxe3 15.Rxe3 Bxc4 16.dxc4 Nd8 17.Nd2 h5 18.Nf1 h4 19.Rd3 Qg6 20.c5 dxc5 0-1 Peter Anand,A (2151)-Kalinin,A (2367) Arandjelovac op 2nd 2023 (5.34)]
[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 h5 9.Nxg5 h4 10.Nxf7 hxg3 11.Nxd8 Bg4 12.Qd2 Nd4 13.h3 Ne2+ 14.Qxe2 Bxe2 15.Ne6 Bb6 16.Nc3 Bxf1 17.Kxf1 gxf2 18.Na4 Kd7 19.Nxb6+ axb6 20.Kxf2 b5 Bruneau,L-Van Tuyl,W 1934_226900 Zürich (Switzerland)]
6...a6 7.Re1 Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Nf1 h6 10.h3 seems to push 10.Bb3 aside. setzt sich inzwischen gegen 10.Lb3 durch. **10...Re8**
[10...Na5 11.Bb3 Nxb3 12.axb3 Re8 13.Ng3 d5 0.67/18 *(13...Bd7=* 0.13/18 *)* 14.exd5!± Qxd5 15.Be3 Bxe3 1.26/20 *(15...c5±* 0.47/19 *)* 16.Rxe3± Bd7 17.Qc2 0.69/22 *(17.c4!±* 1.30/19 *Qd6 18.Qe1)* 17...Re6 1.84/22 *(17...Bc6±* 0.69/22 *)* 18.c4+- Qd6 19.Qc3 c5 20.Nxe5 Rae8 2.16/21 *(20...Rd8±* 1.52/19 *21.Nf5 Qf8)* 21.Rae1 b5? 3.59/21 *(21...R6e7±* 1.54/21 *22.Nxd7 Qxd7 23.Rxe7 Rxe7)* 22.Nf5+- Qc7 Strongly threatening ...b4. 23.Ng4 Nh5 24.Rxe6 Rxe6 25.Ne7+ Kf8 26.Nd5 Qd6 27.Ne5 and b4 should not be overlooked b4 2.85/22 *(⌓27...Be8* 1.75/19 *)* 28.Nxd7++- Qxd7 29.Qd2 ½-½ Niemann,H (2692)-Malakhov,V (2648) Chessable Masters Play In rapid 2024 (3)]

11.b4 Be6 12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.a4 Qd7 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.Nxe3 d5 16.Qc2 Ne7 17.exd5 Nfxd5 18.Nc4 f6 19.d4 exd4 0.52/19

[19...Qc6= 0.01/21 20.Na5 Qxc3 21.Qxc3 Nxc3]

20.Rxe6 Qxe6 21.Nxd4 Qf7 22.Na5 b6 23.Nc4N 0.03/18

[23.Nab3 Ng6 24.a5 Ngf4? 2.83/20 *(24...Kh8± 0.36/16)* 25.c4!+- Nxb4 26.Qe4 Re8? 5.04/18 *(26...Nxh3+ 2.41/19 27.gxh3 Re8)* 27.Qxf4+- Qxc4 28.Rc1 Nd5 9.00/19 *(⌓28...Nd3 5.01/19)* 29.Qf3 1-0 Fromm,M (2190)-Matthes,A (2198) GER-chT Lands U20 2020 (5. 6)]

[23.Nab3± 0.46/20]

23...Rd8= 24.Rd1 Nf4 25.Ne3 Qg6! Against Qe4 **26.Qxg6**

[26.Qb3+ seems wilder. Kh7 27.Kh2 Ned5 28.Ndf5]

26...Nexg6 27.Kf1 Kf7 28.g3 Nd5 29.Nxd5 Rxd5 Endgame KRN-KRN **30.Ke2 Ne5 31.Rb1 Nc4 32.Kd3 Ne5+ 33.Ke4 Rd7 34.f4 Nc4 35.Kd3** Inhibits Nd2. **35...Nd6 36.b5** -0.44/21

[36.Rg1= 0.01/20 deserves consideration.]

36...a5 -0.05/21

[36...axb5∓ -0.44/21 37.axb5 g5]

37.g4 Nb7 38.Kc4 Nc5 39.Ra1 Re7 40.Nc6 Re4+ Skewer **41.Kd5 Rxf4** 0.01/17

[41...f5∓ -0.38/22 42.gxf5 Rxa4 *(42...Rxf4 43.Nd4=)*]

42.Re1? -3.81/24

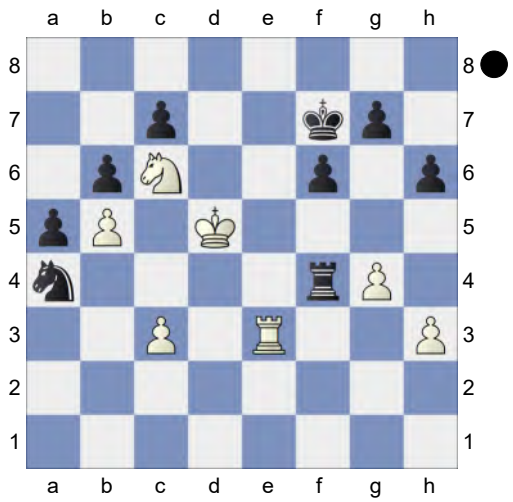
[42.Nd4!= 0.01/17]

42...Nxa4-+

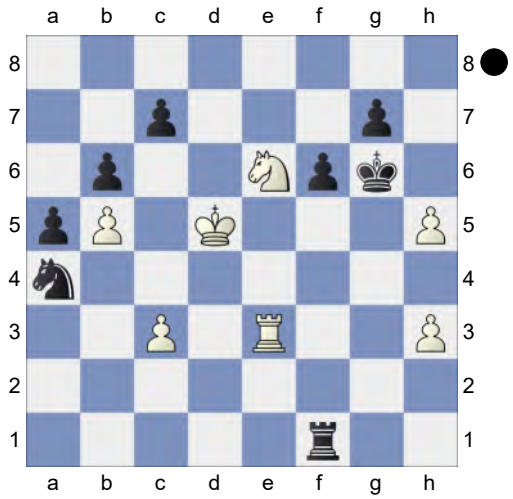
[42...Rxa4 43.Re7+ Kg6 44.Rxc7=]

43.Re3

(Diagram)



h5? -0.35/21 **44.Nd8+!∓ Kg6 45.Ne6** Dodges Nc5 **45...Rf1 46.gxh5+**



Kh6!

[Much weaker is 46...Kxh5 47.Nxg7+ *(47.Kc6 g5∓)* 47...Kh6 48.Ne6∓]

47.c4!

[47.Kc6? Rc1 48.Kxc7 Rxc3+ *(48...Kxh5 49.Nf4+ Kh6 50.Nd5=; 48...Nxc3 49.Kb7∓)* 49.Rxc3 Nxc3 50.Kxb6 a4∓]

47...Rf5+ -0.16/24

[47...Rd1+∓ -0.89/21 48.Kc6 Rc1 *(48...Kxh5 49.Kxc7 g5 50.Ng7+ Kg6 51.Ne8∓)*]

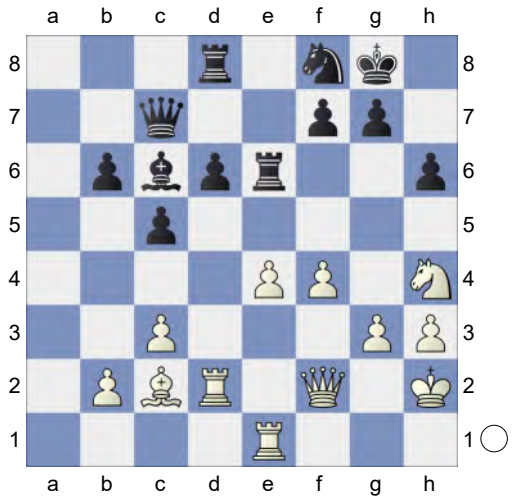
48.Kd4= Rxh5 With the idea ...Nb2.

[48...Kxh5? too greedy. 49.Nxg7+ *(49.Nxc7 Rf2=)* 49...Kg6 50.Nxf5

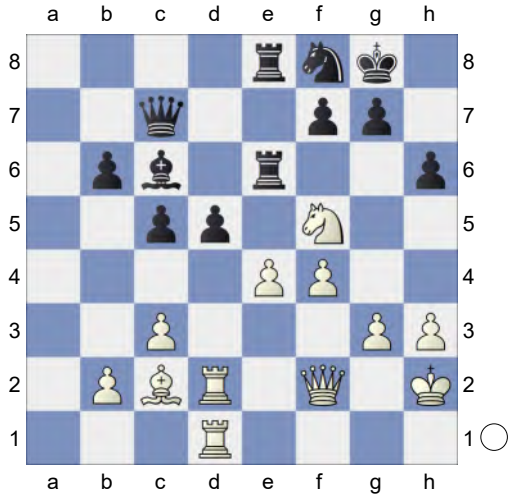
Kxf5 51.Kd5+-]
49.Nxc7 Rh4+ 50.Kd5 Rh5+ 51.Kd4! Rh4+ 52.Kd5 Rh5+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) / Black=0.24 (precise) **53.Ke4?** -5.97/28 An unexpected result.
[53.Kd4!= 0.01/21]
½-½

273 **C50**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
■ **Martinez Alcantara,Jose Eduardo**
Titled Tue 24th Jun Early blitz (7)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.c3**
[5.a4 d6 6.c3 a6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Ba7 9.Nbd2 Qe7 10.h3 g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Qe2 Qf6 13.Bh2 Nf4 14.Bxf4 gxf4 15.g4 Ne7 16.b4 Ng6 17.Kd1 h5 18.g5 Qe7 19.b5 Kf8 0-1 Anand,V (2784)-Aronian,L (2792) Zuerich Opening Blitz 5th_19495 2016 (3)]
[5.Nc3 h6 6.Be3 Bb6 7.Qd2 d6 8.0-0-0 Na5 9.h3 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.c5 Bxc5 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.Qxd8+ Rxd8 14.Rxd8+ Kxd8 15.Rd1+ Ke7 16.Nxe5 Rd8 17.f3 g5 18.a3 c6 19.Na4 Rxd1+ 0-1 Arrondo Vila,N-Samper Gonzalez,P (1411) Barcelona Sant Marti op-B 22nd 2022 (9)]
5...d6N
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3) Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003]
6.0-0 Bb6 7.Re1 h6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Bb3 Ne7 10.Nc4 Ng6 11.h3 c6 The position is equal. **12.Nxb6 axb6 13.d4 Re8 14.Bc2 b5 15.a3 Be6 16.Be3 Qe7 17.Qd2 Nh5 18.Kh2 Rad8 19.Rad1 Nhf4 20.Ng1 Nh5! 21.g3 Nf6** 1.15/22
[21...d5= 0.01/20]
22.Qe2 -0.01/26
[22.f4± 1.15/22]
22...Bc4= 23.Qd2 exd4 0.91/27
[23...Be6!= -0.01/22]
24.Bxd4± c5 25.Bxf6 Qxf6 26.f4 Nf8 0.93/21
[26...b4!⩲ 0.56/25 is superior.]
27.Nf3! Qe7 1.26/22
[27...b4!⩲ 0.69/20]
28.Qf2 Qc7 29.Rd2 Qc6 1.77/21
[29...b6± 1.26/21 30.Kg1 Kh8]
30.Qg2 Qc7 31.Red1 Be6 32.Qf2 0.86/21
[⯃32.Qe2 1.46/21]
32...b6 33.a4 0.16/23
[33.Qf1± 1.31/22]
33...bxa4= 34.Bxa4 Bd7 35.Bc2 Bc6 36.Re1 Re7 0.62/25
[Black should play 36...Nh7= -0.01/22]
37.Nh4⩲ Re6 1.07/21
[37...g6= 0.14/21]



38.Nf5!± Rde8 1.71/24
[38...Nh7± 0.99/19 was worth a try.]
39.Red1 1.06/24
[39.Qf3+- 1.71/24]
39...d5



40.e5
[40.exd5 Bxd5 41.Bd3 *(41.Rxd5 Re2∓* Pin *)* 41...Bb3∓]
40...f6 41.Nd6↑ Black is under strong pressure. **41...Rd8** 1.81/23
[41...Rb8± 1.03/23]
42.Re1? -0.01/23
[42.Rf1+- 1.81/23]
42...fxe5 0.87/20
[42...Nd7!= -0.01/23 keeps the balance.]
43.fxe5 Hoping for Qf4. **43...Qe7**
44.Rde2 0.91/23 White is much more active.
[Better is 44.Nf5 1.51/24 Qe8 45.Rde2]
44...Nd7 1.69/25
[44...g6± 0.91/23]
45.Qf5? 0.01/23
[45.Nf5+- 1.69/25 Qf7 46.Qf4]
45...Rf8? #1/6
[45...g6= 0.01/23 46.Qg4 *(46.Qf4 Kg7±)* 46...h5 *(46...Nxe5 47.Rxe5 Rxe5 48.Rxe5±)*]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.44 **46.Qh7#**
1-0

274 **C50**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
■ **Vidit,S.** **2720**
Niemann-Vidit Blitz Day 1 (10) 28.06.25
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.c3 Nf6N**
[5...Bb6 6.0-0 *(6.a4 Nf6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3* #1 2) Italian - Fast & Furious-3...Bc5 4.d3 d6*)* 6...h6 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Bb3 a5 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 20.Nb1 0-1 Firouzja,A (2785)-Pultinevicius,P (2561) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early blitz 2022 (4) Ne4 21.Nc3 Nxc3 22.Rxc3 Qd6 23.Rac1 Rf7 24.R1c2 Rf4 25.Re3 Qf6 26.Rd3 Re8 27.Rc5 Qd6 28.Rcc3 Rfe4 29.g3 Re2 30.Rd2 Rxd2 31.Qxd2 Qg6 32.Kg2 Qb1 33.Rc1 Qf5

34.Rc3 Qb1 35.h4 0-1 Firouzja,A (2785)-So,W (2760) Bucharest Superbet Classic 3rd 2023 (1)]

6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1 Bb6 8.Nbd2 -0.20/23

[8.h3 h6 9.a4 a5 10.Nbd2 Ne7 11.Bb3 Ng6 12.d4 Re8 0.78/24 *(12...c6!= 0.19/24)* 13.Nc4± Be6 1.07/26 *(13...c6± 0.68/22)* 14.Nxb6 Bxb3 15.Qxb3 cxb6 16.Be3 0.39/26 *(16.d5± 0.78/26)* 16...exd4 17.Bxd4 Nxe4 18.Bxb6 Qd7 19.Rad1 0.35/24 *(19.Qb5± 0.83/25 Qxb5 20.axb5)* 19...Nf4⩲ Threatens to win with ... Nxh3+!. 20.Re3 d5 21.c4 Qf5 1.04/28 *(21...Nf6!= 0.29/26)* 22.cxd5 ½-½ Niemann,H (2688)-Vidit,S (2721) North Richland Hills blitz m1 2024 (1. 3)]

[⊿8.a4 0.23/23]

8...Ne7 0.30/22

[8...Ng4! -0.20/23 9.Re2 Nf6]

9.Bb3 c6! The position is equal. is currently scoring better than 9...Ng6. wohl besser als 9...Sg6. **10.Nc4 Bc7 11.d4 Ng6 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.h3** -0.44/27

[14.Bg5= -0.07/25 deserves consideration.]

14...h6 15.a4 Be6 16.Kf1N

[16.Ncd2 Bxb3 17.Nxb3 Nf8 18.Nfd2 Ne6 19.Nc4 Rd7 20.f3 Rad8 21.Be3 b6 22.Kf2 Kf8 ½-½ Matikozian,A (2429)-Amanov,Z (2399) Los Angeles Metropolitan 25th 2013 (1)]

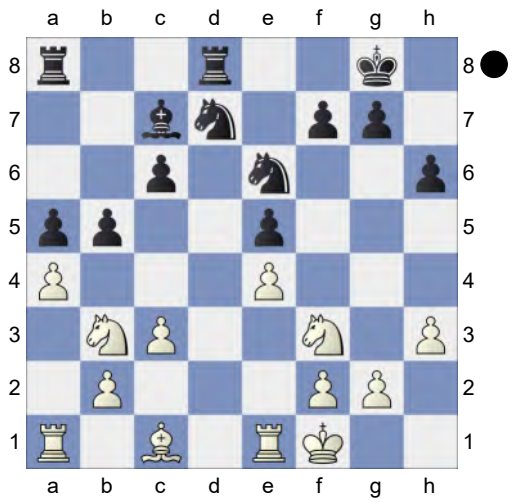
16...b5 17.Ncd2 Nf4 18.Bxe6 Nxe6 19.Nb3 -0.75/25

[19.axb5∓ -0.36/26 cxb5 20.Ra6]

19...a5∓ 20.Nfd2 Nd7 Black has more active pieces. **21.Nf3** -1.31/27

[⊿21.Nb1 -0.73/26]

(Diagram)



21...Ndc5 -0.77/24

[21...Nb6! -1.31/27 22.axb5 a4]

22.Nxc5 Nxc5 23.axb5 cxb5 24.Be3 Nxe4 25.Bxh6 Discovered Attack

25...Nxf2 0.01/23

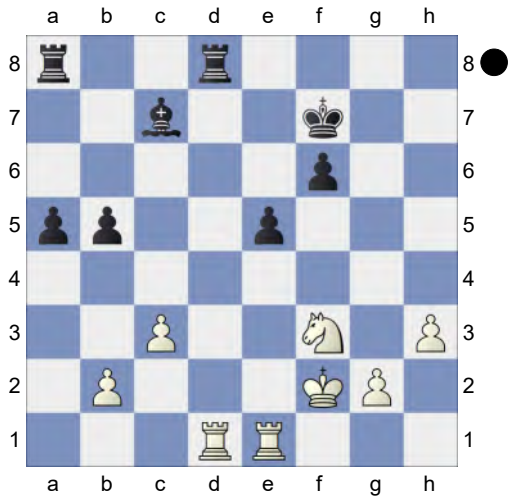
[25...Nd6∓ -0.88/24 26.Bc1 f6]

26.Bg5= f6!

[26...Rd3? 27.Kxf2 f6 28.Be3+-]

27.Bxf6 gxf6 28.Kxf2 Kf7 29.Rad1 -0.82/22

[29.g4!= -0.21/22]



29...a4 -0.44/23

[Black should try 29...Bd6!∓ -0.82/22]

30.Ke2 Ke6 -0.26/23

[30...Bd6∓ -0.73/24]

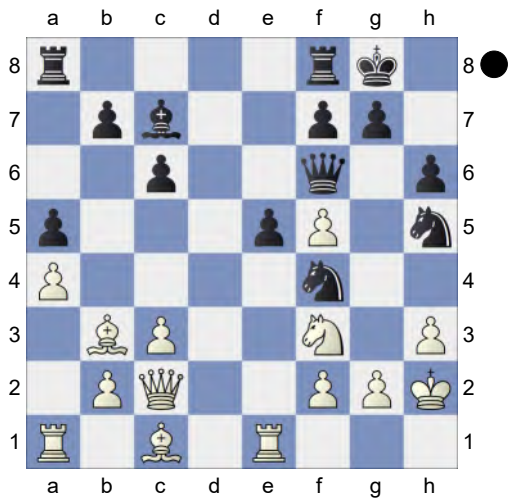
31.Rxd8 Rxd8 Endgame KRB-KRN

32.g4 Rg8
[32...b4!?]
33.Rf1 Bd6 34.Nd2 Rh8 35.Ne4 Be7
[35...Rxh3? 36.Rxf6+ *(36.Nxf6? Rh2+* Skewer *37.Kd3 Rxb2-+)* 36...Kd5 37.Nxd6+-]
36.Rf3 Rb8 37.Rf1 -0.74/25
[37.Rf2= -0.21/25 keeps the balance.]
37...b4∓ This costs White the game.
38.c4 -3.86/20
[Better is 38.Rb1!∓ -0.55/24]
38...a3-+ 39.Kd3 -5.56/20
[⌓39.bxa3 -3.76/20 bxa3 40.c5]
39...a2
[Weaker is 39...axb2 40.Kc2∓]
40.c5? -5.97/20
[40.Kc2 -3.47/22 was worth a try. b3+ 41.Kc3]
40...Kd5 Black is clearly winning. **41.Nd2 Rh8 42.Nb3 Rxh3+ 43.Kc2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/ Black=0.21 (precise) **43...Rh2+**
0-1

275 **C50**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
■ **Vidit,S.** **2720**
Niemann-Vidit Blitz Day 1 (2) 28.06.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.c3 Bb6 6.a4**
[6.0-0 h6 7.Nbd2 *(7.Re1 Nge7 8.b4 Ng6 9.a4 a6 10.a5 Ba7 11.Be3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Kh8 13.Bxa7 Rxa7 14.d4 Nf4 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nb3 Qf6 17.Re3 Rd8 18.Qf1 Bg4 19.Ne1 Ne7 20.f3 Be6 21.Bxe6 fxe6* 1-0 Mcnutt,W (2072)-Rossolimo Nicolas (1921) Cup-8 corr BdF 1974 (2) *)* 7...Nf6 8.Bb3 a5 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 20.Nb1 Ne4 0-1 Gazi,M (2785)-Sudgen,J (2760) Simultaneous (Game 7) 2000 (1)]
6...a5 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Re1N The position is equal.
[8.Bb3 Ne7 9.Be3 Bxe3 10.fxe3 Ng6 11.Nbd2 0-0 12.Qe1 c6 13.Nh4 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxh4 15.Nxd6 Qxd6 16.Qxh4 Qxd3 17.Qg5 Be6 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Qxe5 Qd5 20.Qd4 h6 21.Rxf8+ Rxf8 22.Rf1 Rxf1+ ½-½ Odeev,H (2405)-Mikhalevski,V (2511) Budapest Spring 2017 (8) 23.Kxf1 Qf5+ 24.Ke2 Qc2+ 25.Kf3 Qxb2 26.Qd8+ Kf7 27.Qd7+ Kf6 28.Qd8+ Kg6 29.Qd3+ Kf7 30.Qd7+ ½-½ Marciniak,M (2405)-San Segundo Carrillo,P (2511) Frunze 35/ 477 1983 (8)]
8...0-0 9.h3 h6 10.Nbd2 Ne7 11.Bb3 c6 12.d4 Ng6 13.Nc4!? A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
[13.Bc2 Re8 14.Nf1 d5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Nxe4 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Qh5! Qd5 19.Bf4 e3! 20.Nxe3 Qe4 21.Bg3 ½-½ Niemann,H (2688)-Vidit,S (2721) North Richland Hills blitz m2 2024 (2.6)]
13...Bc7 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Be3N
[15.Qc2 Nh5 16.Ne3 Ngf4 17.Nf5 Qf6 18.Kh2? -1.64/23 *(18.g3=* 0.20/19 and White stays safe. *Nxh3+ 19.Kg2)* 18...Bxf5-+ 19.exf5

(Diagram)



Nd3! 20.Re4 Nc5 21.Nd2? -3.84/21 *(21.g4∓ -0.71/21)* 21...Nxe4? -1.50/22 *(21...Qxf5-+ -3.84/21* is more deadly. *22.Kg1 Nxe4 23.Qxe4 Qxe4 24.Nxe4 Kh8)* 22.Nxe4 0-1 Jain,V (1931)-Hebbar,E (2201) New York Marshall op 04 2024 (4)]

15...Be6

[15...Nxe4 16.Qxd8 Bxd8 *(16...Rxd8? 17.Bb6+-)* 17.Bc2± *(17.Ncxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Bf6±)*]

16.Qc2 Qe7 17.Ncd2 Rfd8 18.Red1 Nh5 19.Bxe6

[19.Bc4 Nhf4 20.Kh2 Bxc4 21.Nxc4 Qe6 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.b3]

19...Qxe6 20.Qb3

[20.Kh2 keeps more tension. Ngf4 21.Nb3 b6 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.Rd1]

20...Qxb3 21.Nxb3 Nf6 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.Nfd2 Nf4 24.Kf1 Ne6 25.Ke2 Kf8 26.g3 Ke8 27.f3 Ke7 28.Nc4 This costs Black the game. **28...Ne8?** 3.28/22

[Better is 28...b6± 0.60/21]

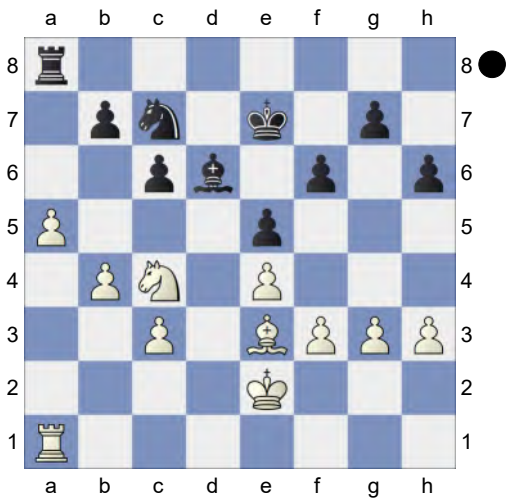
29.Nbxa5+-

[29.Ncxa5 Nd6=]

29...Rb8 30.Nb3 Nd6 31.Nbd2

[31.Nxe5 Nxe4 32.fxe4 Bxe5±]

31...f6 32.a5 Ra8 33.Nxd6 Bxd6 34.b4 Nc7 35.Nc4



Nb5 36.Kd3 Bc7 37.Kc2 Ke6 38.Nb2 h5 39.h4 g6 40.Na4 White is clearly winning. **40...Bd6 41.Rd1 f5 42.Nc5+ Bxc5 43.Bxc5 fxe4 44.fxe4** Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **44...Rg8 45.c4 Nd4+ 46.Bxd4 exd4 47.Rxd4** KR-KR. White is two pawns up. **47...g5 48.b5 gxh4 49.gxh4 Rg2+ 50.Kb3 Rg4 51.Kb4 cxb5 52.cxb5 Rxh4 53.Kc5 Rh1 54.Kb6 Rb1 55.Rd5**

[Stronger than 55.Kxb7 Rxb5+ 56.Ka6 Rb3=]

55...h4 56.Kxb7 and a6 would now be decisive **56...h3 57.Rh5 h2 58.b6**

[Weaker is 58.Rxh2 Rxb5+ 59.Ka6 Rb4+-]

58...h1Q 59.Rxh1 Rxh1 60.a6 Rh7+ 61.Kc6 Rh8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.48 **62.b7 1-0**

276 **C50**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
■ **Santos Latasa,J.** **2614**
TCh-ESP Div Honor 2025 (7.7) 14.08.25
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.c3N**
[6.a4 a6 7.c3 Ba7 8.Re1 *(8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Re8 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b4 d5 13.Qc2 d4 14.Bb2 Nh5 15.b5 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Nb3 Qd8 20.g3 Rh6 21.Kg2 Qg5 22.Rh1 Rd8* 0-1 Lunacek,J (2702)-Ferri,S (2732) Chicago op 19th 2010 (11) *)* 8...Ng4 9.Re2 Qf6 10.Nbd2 g5 11.Qe1 Rg8 12.Nf1 Be6 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 Nxe3 15.Rxe3 Bxc4 16.dxc4 Nd8 17.Nd2 h5 18.Nf1 h4 19.Rd3 Qg6 20.c5 dxc5 0-1 Peter Anand,A (2151)-Kalinin,A (2367) Arandjelovac op 2nd 2023 (5.34)]
[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 h5 9.Nxg5 h4 10.Nxf7 hxg3 11.Nxd8 Bg4 12.Qd2 Nd4 13.h3 Ne2+ 14.Qxe2 Bxe2 15.Ne6 Bb6 16.Nc3 Bxf1 17.Kxf1 gxf2 18.Na4 Kd7 19.Nxb6+ axb6 20.Kxf2 b5 Bruneau,L-Van Tuyl,W 1934_226900 Zürich (Switzerland)]
6...a5 7.Re1 0-0 8.Nbd2 Be6 9.Bb5 Qb8 10.Nf1 Qa7 11.Re2 a4 12.Ng3 Qa5 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.h3 Nd7 15.Ng5 Qb6 16.Nf1 h6 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Be3 Bxe3 19.Nxe3 c5 20.Rc1 Rf7 21.Rd2 Nf6 The position is equal. **22.Nc4 Qa6**

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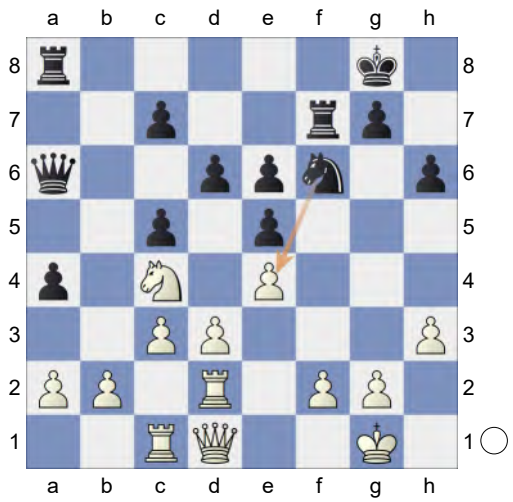
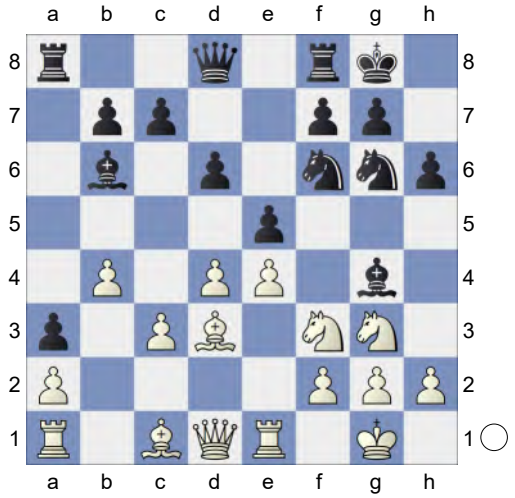


aiming for ...Nxe4!. **23.Qe2 Raf8 24.Ne3 Qa7 25.Re1 Qa6 26.Qd1 Qb5 27.Kh2 Kh8 28.Qe2 Qa6 29.f3 Qa7 30.Red1 Nd7 31.b4 axb3 32.axb3 Qb8 33.Rb1 Qd8 34.Qe1 Qg5 35.Re2 Ra8 36.Qg3 Qf4 37.Nc4 Rff8** A balanced but interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless) **38.Qxf4 ½-½**

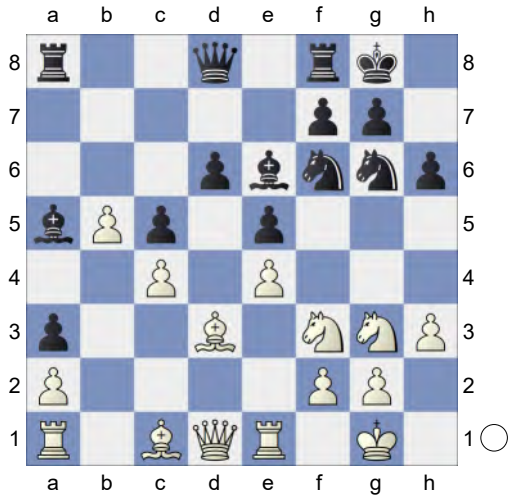
277 **C50**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
■ **Lysyj,I.** **2582**
Titled Tue 17th Jun Late blitz (3) 17.6.25
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.c3 d6 6.0-0 h6 7.Re1**
[7.b4!? Bb6□ 8.a4=]
7...a5 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Nf1N
[9.a4 Be6 10.Bb3 Re8 11.Bc2 Nd7 12.Nf1 d5 13.Ng3 d4 14.Qe2 f6 15.Nd2 Rf8 16.Qf3 Qe7 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.Qxf5 Nd8 19.Bb3+ Kh8 20.Nf3 Nf7 21.Nh4 Qe8 22.Ng6+ Kg8 23.Qg4 Nb6 1-0 Chmielowski,A-

Klementys,J POL corr Poland 1993]
9...a4 The position is equal. **10.Bb5 a3 11.b4 Bb6 12.Ng3 Ne7 13.d4 Ng6 14.Bd3 Bg4**



Hoping for ...exd4. **15.d5 c6** 0.44/23
[15...Nh4= 0.08/22 is superior.]
16.dxc6!± bxc6 17.h3 Be6 18.c4 c5 1.26/21
[18...Qd7= 0.30/19 remains equal.]
19.b5± Ba5



20.Bd2 Nf4 21.Bf1 Qc7 1.74/21
[21...Bxd2± 0.97/21 22.Qxd2 *(22.Nxd2 Bc8±)* 22...Qe7]
22.Re3+- Bb4 1.71/19
[22...Bxd2± 1.35/21 23.Nxd2 *(23.Qxd2 Rfb8±)* 23...Qe7]
23.Rb1 Bxd2 24.Qxd2 1.35/21
[24.Nxd2+- 1.87/23 Nd7 25.Nf5]
24...Nd7 1.76/22
[24...Rfb8± 1.35/21 was necessary. 25.Rbb3 Qe7 26.Rxa3 g6]
25.Qc1 1.25/23
[Better is 25.Nf5+- 1.76/22]
25...Nb6 26.Nd2
[26.Rxa3 Rxa3 27.Qxa3 Bxc4 28.Bxc4 Nxc4∓]
26...Qa7 2.30/21
[26...Bc8± 1.25/21 27.Rbb3 *(27.Rxa3 Rxa3 28.Qxa3 Bb7±)* 27...Bd7 28.Rxa3 g6]
27.Rbb3 Qe7 2.46/21
[⌓27...Qb7 1.63/20 28.Rxa3 h5]
28.Rxa3 h5 3.56/21
[⌓28...g6 2.16/21 29.Ne2 h5 30.Nxf4 exf4 31.Rxa8 fxe3 32.Rxf8+ Qxf8]
29.Rxa8 Rxa8 30.Ra3 Ra7 4.44/22
[30...Rxa3 2.59/19 31.Qxa3 g6]
31.Rxa7 Qxa7 32.Qb2? 1.09/21
[32.Nf5+- 3.55/20]
32...Qa4? 3.41/24
[32...g6± 1.09/21 33.Qc2 Qa8]
33.Qb3 1.59/25
[33.Nf5+- 3.41/24 is the precise move to win.]
33...Qa5± 34.Qc2 1.01/22
[34.Nf3+- 1.92/22]
34...Bd7 4.67/21
[34...g6± 1.01/22]
35.Nf5+- Nc8 36.Nb3 White is clearly winning. **36...Qa3 37.Qd2 Bxf5 38.exf5 d5** 9.41/21
[⌓38...h4 4.38/18 39.Qc2 *(39.Qa5 Qxa5 40.Nxa5 Nb6+-)* 39...Qa4]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.82 **39.g3**
1-0

278 **C50**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2736**
■ **Kollars,Dmitrij** **2592**
Online 3 0 blitz 2020
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo Main notes are from Melbourne paper but GA MacDonnell also published it in ISDN for 3 Sept 1881 - he has got it from Adelaide Observer. 'A very interesting game played by correspondence a short time ago between Messrs H. Charlick and J. Mann.' The variations preceded by "RR" were given by Gary Lane in an internet article on the Jerome Gambit at www.chesscafe.com in 2008. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.Qh5+ Ke6**

[6...Ng6 7.Qd5+ Ke8 8.Qxc5 d6 9.Qe3 Nf6 10.d4 Qe7 11.0-0 Ng4 12.Qe2 Qh4 13.h3 Nf6 14.f4 Nh5 15.Qf2 Qxf2+ 16.Rxf2 Rf8 17.f5 Ne7 18.c4 c6 19.g4 Nf6 20.Nc3 d5 21.e5 1-0 Charlick,H-Mann,J corr Australia 2004]

7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4 Black has a decisive advantage. **8...Qh4+N**

[8...Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.d3 Kc6 12.Nc3 d6 13.Bf4 *(13.h3 Qh5 14.Qg3 Be6 15.Ne2 Raf8 16.Nf4 Qe5 17.Qxg7 Bf5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxe5 dxe5 20.exd5+ Kxd5 21.Bh6 Rf7 22.g4 Be6 23.0-0-0 Rf3* Jerome,A-Charles,S corr_167204 1881 *)* 13...Qh5 7. Italian Game: Move 4 Sidel-Jerome Gambit]

9.g3 Qf6

[9...Nf3+ 10.Kf1 Qh6 *(10...Nxh2+ 11.Kg2∓)* 11.Qd5+ Ke7 12.Qxc5+ d6 13.Qxc7+ Bd7 14.Qc3∓]

10.fxe5+ Qxe5 11.Qxe5+ Kxe5 12.b4 Bd4

[12...Bxb4? 13.Bb2+ Kxe4 14.Bxg7+-]

13.c3 Bb6 14.d4+ Ke6

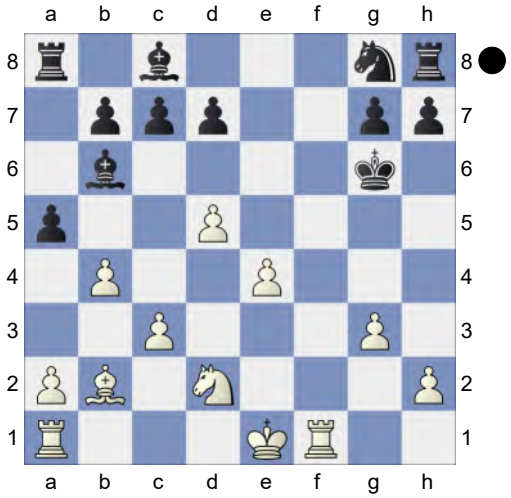
[14...Kxe4 15.0-0-+]

15.Bb2 a5 16.d5+ Kf7 17.Rf1+ Kg6 -1.74/17

[⊼17...Nf6 -3.48/21 18.e5 Pin Re8]

18.Nd2? -3.31/18

[18.Rf8 -1.74/17]



18...Nf6-+ 19.Nf3 Re8 Inhibits Ne5+.

[19...Nxe4 20.Ne5+ Kh5 21.Rf4±]

20.e5 h6 21.0-0-0 Ng4 22.Rde1 axb4 23.cxb4 Ne3 24.Nh4+ Kh7 25.Rf7 Kg8?? 4.14/16

[25...Nxd5 26.e6 Re7 *(26...Nxb4 27.Rxg7+ Kh8 28.Ng6#)* 27.Nf5 Nxb4 *(27...Rxe6 28.Rxg7+ Kh8 29.Rxe6 dxe6 30.Rf7+; 27...Rxf7? 28.exf7 Kg6 29.f8Q+-)* 28.Rxe7 Nd3+ 29.Kd2+-]

[25...Rxa2-+ -3.04/18 and life is good for Black. Strongly threatening ...Kg8!. 26.Nf5 Nxf5 *(26...Nxd5? 27.Rxg7+ Kh8 28.Rf7-+)* 27.Rxf5 Kg8]

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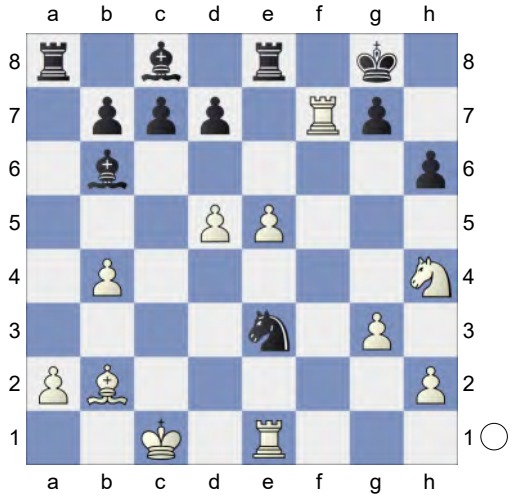


26.e6!+- dxe6 #2/17
[26...Rxe6+- 4.53/17 27.Rxg7+ *(27.dxe6 dxe6 28.Rxg7+ Kf8+-)* 27...Kf8 28.dxe6 dxe6+- 29.Ng6+ Ke8 30.Re7+ Kd8]
27.Rxg7+ Kf8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.76
28.Ng6#
1-0

279 **C54**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
■ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2720**
Niemann-Vidit m blitz (10) 28.06.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.c3 Nf6N**
[5...Bb6 6.0-0 *(6.a4 Nf6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3* #1 2) Italian - Fast & Furious-3...Bc5 4.d3 d6*)* 6...h6 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Bb3 a5 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 20.Nb1 0-1 Firouzja,A (2785)-Pultinevicius,P (2561) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early blitz 2022 (4) Ne4 21.Nc3 Nxc3 22.Rxc3 Qd6 23.Rac1 Rf7 24.R1c2 Rf4 25.Re3 Qf6 26.Rd3 Re8 27.Rc5 Qd6 28.Rcc3 Rfe4 29.g3 Re2 30.Rd2 Rxd2 31.Qxd2 Qg6 32.Kg2 Qb1 33.Rc1 Qf5 34.Rc3 Qb1 35.h4 0-1 Firouzja,A (2785)-So,W (2760) Bucharest Superbet Classic 3rd 2023 (1)]
6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1 Bb6 8.Nbd2 -0.26/20
[8.h3 h6 9.a4 a5 10.Nbd2 Ne7 11.Bb3 Ng6 12.d4 Re8 0.71/21 *(12...c6=* 0.30/20 *)* 13.Nc4± Be6 1.20/23 *(*Black should try *13...c6±* 0.69/21 *)* 14.Nxb6 0.84/22 *(⌓14.d5!* 1.20/23 *Bd7 15.Nxb6 cxb6 16.Bc4)* 14...Bxb3± 15.Qxb3 cxb6 16.Be3 0.26/24 *(*Better is *16.d5±* 0.82/21 *)* 16...exd4 0.74/22 *(16...Nxe4=* 0.26/24 *17.dxe5 Nxe5)* 17.Bxd4± Nxe4 18.Bxb6 Qd7 19.Rad1 0.43/20 *(19.Qb5±* 0.79/24 *Qxb5 20.axb5)* 19...Nf4± 20.Re3 0.12/20 *(20.Kh2±* 0.49/24 *)* 20...d5 0.51/22 *(20...Qc6=* 0.12/20 *)* 21.c4± Qf5 0.91/24 *(21...Nf6±* 0.54/23 *)* 22.cxd5 ½-½ Niemann,H (2688)-Vidit,S (2721) North Richland Hills blitz m1 2024 (1. 3)]
[8.a4 0.21/20]
8...Ne7 0.28/21
[⌓8...Ng4! -0.26/20 9.Re2 Nf6]
9.Bb3= c6! The position is equal. is currently scoring better than 9…Ng6. wohl besser als 9…Sg6. **10.Nc4 Bc7 11.d4 Ng6 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.h3** -0.42/22
[14.Bg5= -0.01/21]
14...h6 15.a4 Be6 16.Kf1N
[16.Ncd2 Bxb3 17.Nxb3 Nf8 18.Nfd2 Ne6 19.Nc4 Rd7 20.f3 Rad8 21.Be3 b6 22.Kf2 Kf8 ½-½ Matikozian,A (2429)-Amanov,Z

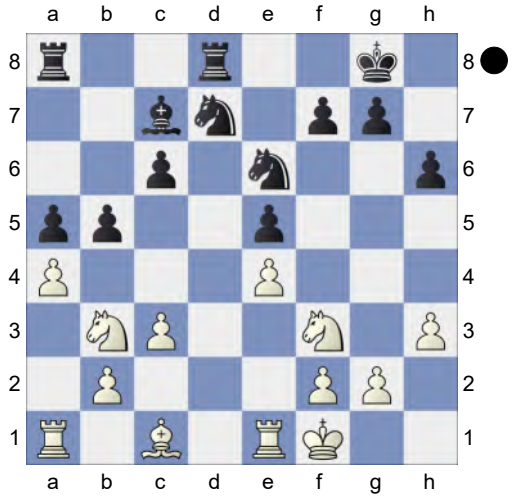
(2399) Los Angeles Metropolitan 25th 2013 (1)]

16...b5 17.Ncd2 -0.68/24

[17.axb5 -0.32/26 should be considered. cxb5 18.Na5]

17...Nf4∓ 18.Bxe6 Nxe6 19.Nb3 Repels Nc5 **19...a5 20.Nfd2 Nd7** Black is much more active. **21.Nf3** -1.15/25

[21.Nb1!∓ -0.69/21]



21...Ndc5 -0.69/22

[21...Nb6!∓ -1.15/25 22.axb5 a4]

22.Nxc5 Nxc5 23.axb5 cxb5 24.Be3 Nxe4 25.Bxh6 Discovered Attack

25...Nxf2 -0.01/22

[25...Nxc3∓ -0.83/23 Strongly threatening ...Nd5. 26.Bg5 f6 27.bxc3 fxg5]

26.Bg5= f6!

[26...Rd3? 27.Kxf2 a4 28.Re2+- *(28.Nxe5 Bxe5 29.Rxe5 f6+-)*]

27.Bxf6 -0.39/23

[27.Kxf2= 0.01/22 fxg5 28.Re4]

27...gxf6∓ 28.Kxf2 Kf7 29.Rad1 -0.86/21

[29.g4= -0.22/20]

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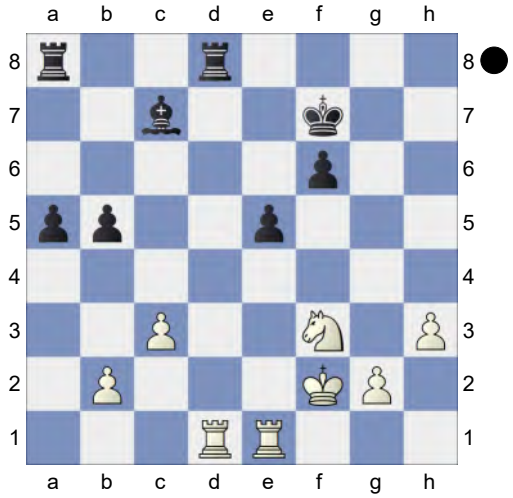


29...a4 -0.34/23

[29...Bd6!∓ -0.86/21]

30.Ke2 Ke6 31.Rxd8 Rxd8= Endgame KRB-KRN **32.g4 Rg8 33.Rf1 Bd6 34.Nd2 Rh8 35.Ne4 Be7**

[35...Rxh3 36.Rxf6+ *(36.Nxf6?* loses. *Rh2+* Skewer *37.Kd3 Be7-+)* 36...Kd5 37.Nxd6+-]

36.Rf3 Rb8 37.Rf1 -0.82/24

[37.Rf2= -0.19/25 remains equal.]

37...b4∓ This costs White the game.

38.c4 -3.79/21

[38.Rb1∓ -0.89/23]

38...a3-+ 39.Kd3? -5.74/22

[39.bxa3 -3.48/22 bxa3 40.c5]

39...a2

[39...axb2? 40.Kc2∓]

40.c5? -5.84/23

[40.Ra1 -3.36/24 b3 41.Kc3]

40...Kd5 Black is clearly winning. **41.Nd2 Rh8**

[41...Kxc5? 42.Ra1 Ra8 43.Kc2-+]

42.Nb3 Rxh3+ 43.Kc2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/Black=0.27 (precise)

43...Rh2+

0-1

280 **C50**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
■ **Nihal,Sarin** **2693**
Niemann-Sarin Blitz 2025 (2) 08.06.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Na4** Black should prevent Nxc5. **6...Bb6 7.a3 h6 8.h3 Qe7N** The position is equal.

[8...Be6 9.Bxe6 *(9.Bb5 0-0 10.c3 Ne7 11.Nxb6 axb6 12.Ba4 Ng6 13.0-0 d5 14.Bc2 b5 15.d4 Nxe4 16.dxe5 c6 17.Qe2 Re8 18.Re1 Qc7 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.f3 Nc5 21.f4 Ne4 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.Qxe4 c5* 1-0 Rojas Keim,L (2688)-Chiong,L (2618) (m/4-rapid) 101/(249) 2007 (12) *)* 9...fxe6 10.b4 0-0 11.0-0 Qe8 12.c4 *(12.c3 Ne7 13.Re1 Ng6 14.Ra2 Rd8 15.Nxb6 axb6 16.a4 Qf7 17.Nh2 Kh7 18.g3 Qd7 19.c4 d5 20.Rd2 Rf7 21.Qc2 c5 22.b5 Qd6 23.Kg2 Rdf8 24.Qd1 Qd7 25.Rf1 Rd8 26.Qe2 Ra8* 1-0 Sindarov,J (2654)-Nihal,S (2670) WchT Final 13th rapid 2022 (2.2)*)* 12...Nd4 13.Nxb6 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 axb6 15.Qe2 Qg6 16.Ra2 Nh5 17.Qg4 Kh7 18.Qxg6+ Kxg6 19.a4 Nf6 20.Be3 Nd7 21.Rfa1 Nb8 22.a5 bxa5 23.Rxa5 1-0 Panov Botvinnik Attack (2792)-Deslandes,P (2820) Biel MTO op 2005 (2)]

[8...Ne7 9.Nxb6 axb6 10.Ba2 Ng6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Re1 Be6 13.Bb1 Re8 14.d4 c6 15.c3 Qc7 16.Be3 Rad8 17.a4 d5 18.Nxe5 Nxe5 19.dxe5 dxe4 20.Qc2 Qxe5 21.Bxb6 Qg5 22.Bxd8 Rxd8 23.Qc1 1-0 Quist,J (2427)-14. ♘e4 ♖b8 15.c4 ♖e8_20 (2165) 55/47 London 1992 (4)]

9.b4 Be6 10.Bxe6 Qxe6 11.c3 -0.28/21

[11.Bb2 0.11/20 is more appropriate.]

11...0-0 12.0-0 Rad8 13.Nxb6 axb6 14.c4 Ne7 15.Re1 Ng6 16.Qc2 Nh5 17.d4 Rfe8 18.d5 Qf6 0.94/19

[18...Qd7= 0.26/21 remains equal.]

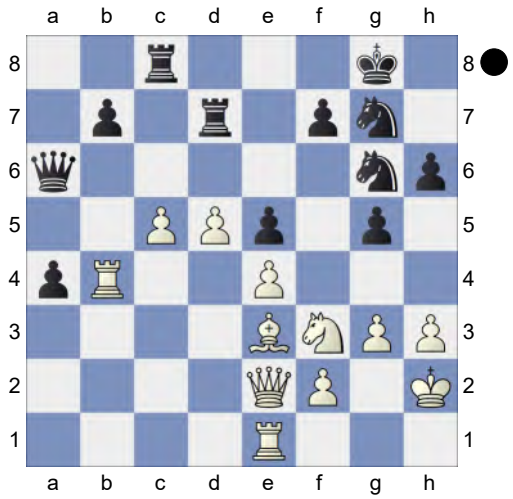
19.a4± Ngf4 20.Kh2 g5 1.55/20

[⌓20...Ra8 1.07/21]

21.Ra3 c6 2.56/21

[21...Ra8± 1.46/19 22.Bd2 Ng6]

22.g3+- Ng6 23.Qd1 Ng7 24.Be3 c5 25.Rb3 Re7 26.a5 bxa5 27.bxc5 dxc5 28.Bxc5 Red7 29.Qe2 Rc8 30.Be3 a4 31.Rb4 Qa6 32.c5



Qxe2 33.Rxe2 f5 34.Rxa4 fxe4 35.Nd2

[35.Rxe4 Rxd5 36.h4 gxh4=]

35...Rxd5 36.Nxe4

[Weaker is 36.Rxe4 Nf5±]

36...Rc6 Prevents Nf6+ **37.Rb2 Rd7 38.Ra8+ Kf7 39.Nd6+ Kf6 40.Nxb7 Nf5** 7.58/23

[⌓40...Ne6 4.88/24 41.Na5 Rcc7]

41.Na5 Re6 42.c6 Rc7 43.Bb6 Rcxc6 44.Nxc6 Rxc6 45.Be3 Nge7 46.Rb6 Rxb6 47.Bxb6 Endgame KRB-KNN

47...Nd5 48.Bc5 e4 6.53/24

[⌓48...h5 4.62/23 49.Rh8 Kg6]

49.Kg2 Kg6 50.Re8 Nf6 51.Rd8 Kf7

52.Kf1 h5 53.Ke2 g4 54.h4 Ke6 55.Be3 Nd5 56.Bg5 e3 57.Rh8? 0.57/25

[57.Bxe3+- 6.39/27 Ndxe3 58.Re8+ *(58.fxe3 Nxg3+ 59.Kd3 Nf5+-)* 58...Kd5 59.fxe3 Nxg3+ 60.Kd3]

57...Nd4+? 5.83/28

[57...Nc3+!± 0.57/25 58.Ke1 exf2+ 59.Kxf2 Ne4+ 60.Kg2 Nxg5]

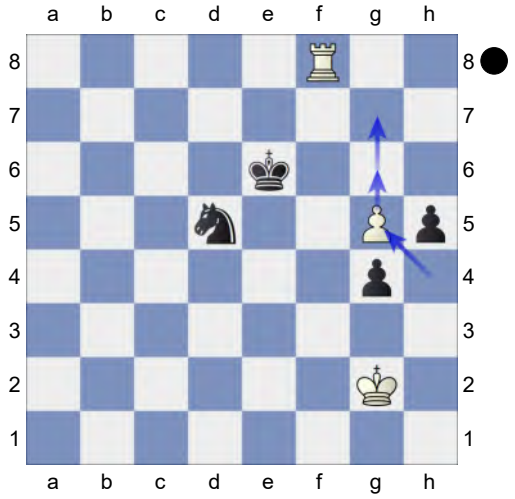
58.Kd3? 0.42/23

[58.Ke1+- 5.83/28]

58...exf2± 59.Rf8!

[59.Kxd4? is the wrong capture. f1Q *(59...f1R 60.Rxh5 Rd1+ 61.Kc4±)* 60.Rh6+ Kf7 61.Kxd5 Qd3+ 62.Kc6 Qxg3 63.Rxh5 Qg2+ 64.Kd6 Qe4-+]

59...Nf5 60.Ke2 Nxg3+ 61.Kxf2 Ne4+ 62.Kg2 Nxg5 63.hxg5



aiming for g6. KR-KN **63...Ne7 64.Kg3** White is more active. **64...Nf5+?** 7.35/28

[64...Ke5± 1.25/24]

65.Kf4+- Ne7 11.73/22

[⌂65...Nh4 4.43/19 66.Rf6+ Ke7]

66.Rf6+ Kd7 67.g6 Nd5+ 68.Kg5 11.97/22

[⌂68.Ke5 #19/25 Ne7 69.g7 Ng8 70.Rf7+ Ke8 71.Ke6 *(71.Rf8+ Ke7+-)* 71...Kd8 72.Kd6 *(72.Rf8+ Kc7 73.Rxg8 h4 74.Rf8 Kc6 75.g8Q Kc5 76.Qxg4 Kb5 77.Rb8+ Ka5 78.Qxh4 Ka6 79.Qa4#)* 72...Kc8 73.Rf8+ Kb7 74.Rxg8]

68...g3 69.Rf1 h4 70.Kxh4 White threatens Rd1! and mate. **70...g2 71.Rg1 Nf4 72.g7** White mates. **72...Ng6+ 73.Kg5 Ne7 74.Kf6 Ke8 75.Rxg2 Ng8+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.48 **76.Ke6**

1-0

281 **C54**

□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**

■ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2720**

Niemann-Vidit m blitz (4) 28.06.2025

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.c3 Nf6N**

[5...Bb6 6.0-0 *(6.a4 Nf6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 #1* 2) Italian - Fast & Furious-3...Bc5 4.d3 d6*)* 6...h6 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Bb3 a5 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 20.Nb1 0-1 Firouzja,A (2785)-Pultinevicius,P (2561) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early blitz 2022 (4) Ne4 21.Nc3 Nxc3 22.Rxc3 Qd6 23.Rac1 Rf7 24.R1c2 Rf4 25.Re3 Qf6 26.Rd3 Re8 27.Rc5 Qd6 28.Rcc3 Rfe4 29.g3 Re2 30.Rd2 Rxd2 31.Qxd2 Qg6 32.Kg2 Qb1 33.Rc1 Qf5 34.Rc3 Qb1 35.h4 0-1 Firouzja,A (2785)-So,W (2760) Bucharest Superbet Classic 3rd 2023 (1)]

6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1 7.Nbd2 is the recent fashion. 7.Sbd2 ist aktuell in Mode. **7...Bb6 8.Nbd2**

[8.h3 h6 9.a4 a5 10.Nbd2 Ne7

11.Bb3 Ng6 12.d4 Re8 0.77/26 *(12...c6= 0.08/23)* 13.Nc4± Be6 1.15/25 *(13...c6 0.73/23)* 14.Nxb6 Bxb3 15.Qxb3 cxb6 16.Be3 0.27/27 *(16.d5± 0.77/25)* 16...exd4 0.74/25 *(16...Nxe4= 0.27/27* feels stronger. *17.dxe5 Nxe5)* 17.Bxd4± Nxe4 18.Bxb6 ½-½ Niemann,H (2688)-Vidit, S (2721) North Richland Hills blitz m1 2024 (1.3)]

8...Ng4 9.Re2 Na5 0.43/20

[9...Kh8!= -0.26/19]

10.h3± Nh6N 1.12/23

[10...Nxc4 11.Nxc4 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 f5 14.Kg1! fxe4 15.dxe4 Qf6 16.Nh2 -0.65/19 *(16.Ncd2± 0.34/21)* 16...Be6 0-1 Sanchit,A (1960)-Shrivastava,K (1760) New Delhi Skillcraft op 1st 2024 (4)]

[10...Nf6± 0.44/22]

11.b4± Nxc4 12.Nxc4 f5 13.Bxh6 gxh6 14.Nxb6 axb6 15.d4 fxe4 16.Rxe4 Bf5 17.Re3 e4 18.Nd2 d5 19.Qh5 Qd6 20.Qh4 b5 1.19/24

[Black should try 20...Qf6± 0.66/21 21.Qg3+ Bg6]

21.f3 exf3 22.Rxf3

[22.Nxf3 Be4±]

22...Bg6 23.Qxh6 Qc6? 5.13/25

[23...Rxf3± 1.15/22 is tougher. 24.Nxf3 Qg3]

24.Raf1+- Rxf3 25.Rxf3 Qd6 26.Nf1 Rxa2 27.Ng3 Ra1+ 28.Kh2 Re1 29.h4 Re8? 6.54/27

[29...Qe7 2.66/24 30.Rf4 Re6]

30.Qg5

[Weaker is 30.h5 Bc2 31.Qxd6 cxd6±]

30...Kh8 31.Rf6 Qe7 32.h5 Be4 33.Qf4 Rg8 34.Rf7

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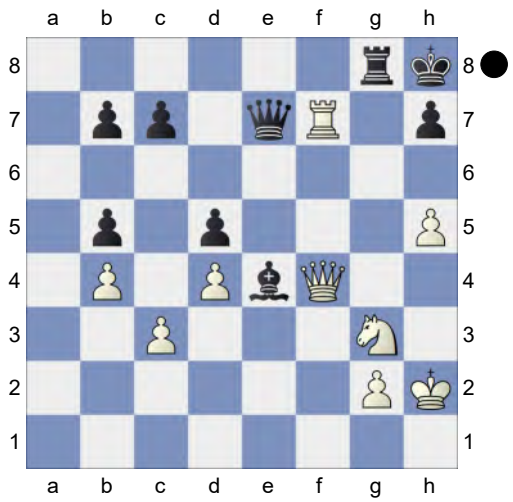


Skewer **34...Rg4 35.Rf8+ Rg8 36.Rf7→** 0.01/24 White has some attack.

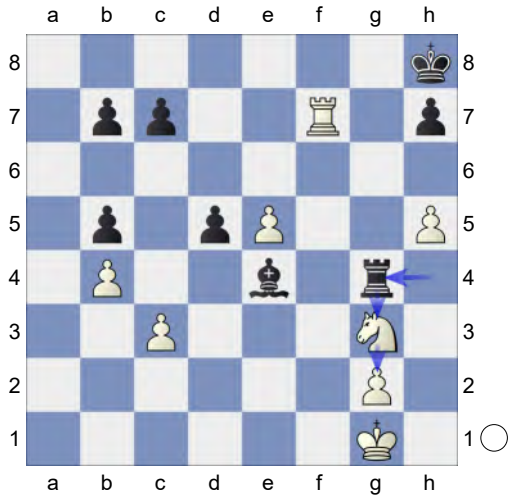
[Better is 36.Rf6+- 5.11/25 Bd3 37.Rf7]

36...Rg4!= (→ ...Qh4+). Deflection

37.Qe5+ White is clearly winning.

37...Qxe5 38.dxe5+- KRB-KRN

38...Rh4+ 39.Kg1 Rg4



40.e6! Hoping for e7. **40...Rxg3**

[40...Kg8 41.Rxc7]

41.e7 Rxg2+ 42.Kf1 Rg8 White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/Black=0.80

43.Rf8

1-0

282 **C54**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
■ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2720**
Niemann-Vidit m blitz (8) 28.06.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 Pezzi/Carosi: 'Glenn Flear: 'Think before castling! --- The following miniature illustrates the problem with 'castling into it'. Here this means committing the king early, followed by provoking the opponent to advance his pawns on that front. This doesn't mean that I'm against castling, far from it, but it shouldn't be a routine move. The general rule should be: think before committing your king!'' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.0-0 Nf6 6.c3N**

[6.h3 Na5 7.Bb3 Nxb3 8.cxb3 h6 9.Nc3 Be6 10.Bd2 g5 11.b4 Bb6 12.Nh2 g4 13.hxg4 Rg8 14.d4 Nxg4 15.g3 Bxd4 16.Ne2 Bb6 17.Nxg4 Bxg4 18.Kg2 Qh4 19.Qa4+ Bd7 20.Qb3 Qxe4+ 0-1 Diaz Avila,J (1374)-Gonzalez Bolivar,J (1524) COL-ch U14 Cartagena 2023 (5)]

[6.a4 a6 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 0-0 9.Qe1 Ne7 10.Nh4 Be6 11.Nd2 Qd7 12.Qg3 Bxc4 13.Nxc4 Qg4 14.Qe1 Qe6 15.b3 g6 16.a5 Kg7 17.Nf3 h6 18.Nh4 Neg8 19.h3 Rae8 20.Qb4 Qc8 ½-½ IBd7 (2698)-Behrmann (2553) Daring Defences 2020 (6.2)]

[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 h5 9.Nxg5 h4 10.Nxf7 hxg3 11.Nxd8 Bg4 12.Qd2 Nd4 13.Nc3 Nf3+ 14.gxf3 Bxf3 15.h3 0-1 Knorr,V-Chigorin,M 010 St Petersburg 1874]

6...0-0 7.Re1 a5

[7...Bb6 8.h3 Against Ng4 h6 9.a4 a5 10.Nbd2 Ne7 11.Bb3 Ng6 12.d4 Re8 0.72/21 *(12...c6!=* 0.14/20 *)* 13.Nc4± Be6 14.Nxb6 Bxb3 15.Qxb3 cxb6 16.Be3 0.35/23 (White should play *16.d5±* 0.83/22 *)* 16...exd4 0.82/23 *(16...Nxe4±* 0.35/23 *17.Qb5 Nf6)* 17.Bxd4± Nxe4 18.Bxb6 Qd7 19.Rad1 Nf4 ...Nxh3+! would now be deadly. 20.Re3 0.12/21 *(20.Kh2±* 0.57/23 *)* 20...d5 0.54/23 *(20...Qc6=* 0.12/21 *)* 21.c4± Qf5 0.86/24 *(21...Nf6±* 0.40/23 *)* 22.cxd5 ½-½ Niemann,H (2688)-Vidit,S (2721) North Richland Hills blitz m1 2024 (1.3)]

8.Nbd2 Be6 9.Bb5 Ba7 The position is equal. **10.Nf1 Ne7 11.d4 Ng6 12.h3 exd4!** 0.41/23 12...exd4 is better than 12...c6. 12...exd4 ist besser als 12...c6.

[12...c6= 0.01/19 13.Bd3 Bb6]

13.Nxd4 -0.01/21

[13.cxd4± 0.41/23 d5 14.e5]

13...c6!? Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade. **14.Bd3 Re8 15.Ng3 Nd7N** 0.95/18

[15...Bd7 16.Ndf5 -0.54/22 *(16.Nf3=* 0.21/19 *)* 16...Bxf5 -0.07/24 *(16...d5∓* -0.54/22 *)* 17.Nxf5= d5 18.exd5 Hoping for Rxe8+. Rxe1+ 19.Qxe1 Qxd5 20.Bc2 Re8 21.Qf1 Ne4 0-1 Moussard,J (2649)-Gholami Orimi,M (2402) Sitges Sunway op-A 11th playoff 2024 (1.3)]

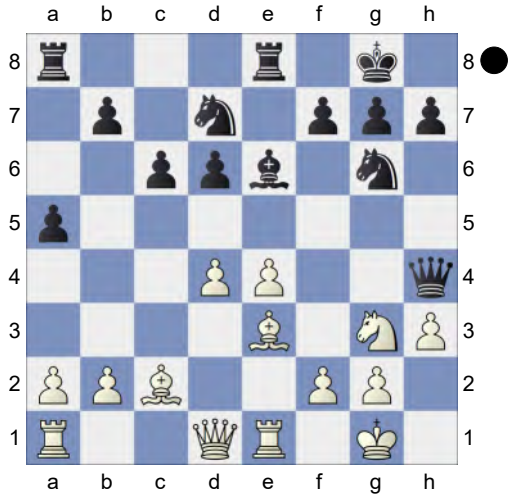
[15...Bd7= 0.21/22 remains equal.]

16.Bc2 Qh4 1.10/21

[16...Nde5± 0.63/19 is superior.]

17.Be3± Bxd4 18.cxd4

(Diagram)



d5 19.Qd2 h6 Against Bg5 **20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.exf5 Ngf8 22.Bf4↑** White is in control. **22...Nh7 23.Bg3** 0.65/23

[23.b3± 1.08/21]

23...Qf6 1.09/21

[23...Rxe1+± 0.65/23 24.Rxe1 Qd8]

24.h4 0.43/23

[24.Bc7± 1.09/21]

24...Rxe1+!± 25.Rxe1 Qd8 26.f3 a4 2.09/22

[26...Nhf6± 0.64/22]

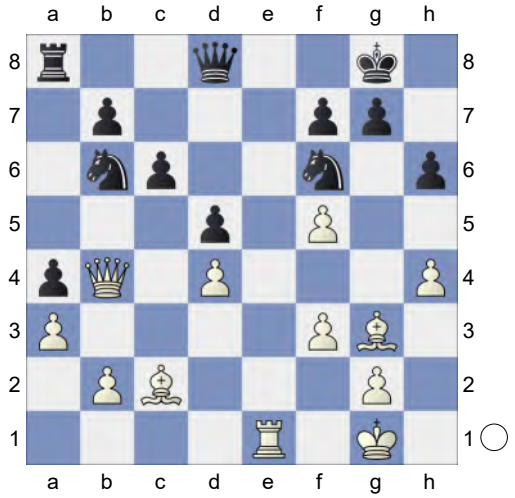
27.a3? 0.41/23

[27.Qb4+- 2.09/22]

27...Nb6? 2.01/23

[27...Nhf6± 0.41/23]

28.Qb4+- Nf6



29.Re4?? -8.23/23 Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/Black=0.30 **29...dxe4 0-1**

283 **C54**

□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2734**

■ **Le,Tuan Minh** **2567**

Titled Tuesday intern op 09th Jan Early b..

[Mon Hokmome]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4** Kitty Kat John Watson Kitty Kat Kitty Kat **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 a6**

[RR 6...0-0 7.Re1 a6 8.h3 h6 9.a4 Ba7 10.Nbd2

A) RR 10...Re8 11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.Ng3 d5 14.Qe2 a5 15.Nh4 Ne7 16.Nhf5 dxe4 17.dxe4 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 Qd7 19.Qf3 Rd8 20.Bxh6 Nxe4 21.Rxe4 gxh6 22.Qg4+ Rg6 23.Nxh6+ Kf8 24.Qxd7 Rxd7 25.Nf5;

B) RR 10...Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Ne7 13.Nf1 Ng6 14.N1h2 Rf7 15.g3 d5 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Qd6 18.Qb3 a5 19.bxa5 Nd7 20.d4 Raf8 21.Rd1 dxe4 22.Nxe5 Ndxe5 23.dxe5 Qc6 24.Qb5 Qxb5 25.axb5;

C) RR 10...Ne7 11.Bb3 *(RR 11.d4 Ng6 12.Bf1 c6 13.Qc2 Qc7 14.a5 Re8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Rad8 19.Ree1 Rd7 20.Ne3 Rdd8 21.Rab1 Nf4 22.b4 Bc8 23.Rb2 Ne6 24.Nd2 Ng5 25.h4 Ne6)* 11...Ng6 12.d4 Re8 13.Bc2 c6 14.Nf1 Qc7 15.Ng3 Be6 16.Be3 Rad8 17.Qc1 Bb8 18.a5 Rd7 19.Ra4 d5 20.dxe5 Nxe4 21.Bb6 Qc8 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.Raxe4 Bf5

24.R4e3 Bxc2 25.Qxc2;

D) 10...Qe7 11.b4 Be6 12.Rb1 Qd7 13.b5 Ne7 14.d4 Bxc4 15.Nxc4 exd4 16.cxd4 axb5 17.Rxb5 c6 18.Rb3 *(RR 18.Rb1)* 18...d5 19.Nfe5 Qd8 *(RR 19...Qc7 20.exd5 cxd5)* 20.exd5 cxd5 21.Ne3 Dominguez Perez,L (2741)-So,W (2751) Saint Louis USA 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (43)]

7.a4

[RR 7.Bb3 Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 h6 10.Re1 Re8 11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bc2 *(RR 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Nxe3 Bxb3 14.Qxb3 Qd7 15.a4)* 12...d5 13.exd5 Qxd5 14.Ng3 Rad8 15.b4 Bc8 16.a4 b5 17.Bd2 Qd6 18.axb5 axb5 19.Qe2 Bb6 20.Rad1 Qe6 21.Nh4 Qa2 Nigmatov,O (2447)-Jin,Y (2309) Doha QAT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (41)]

7...Ba7 8.Nbd2

[RR 8.h3 h6 9.Nbd2 g5 10.Re1 g4 11.hxg4 Nxg4 12.Re2 Qf6 13.Nf1 Rg8 14.Rc2 Bd7 15.b4 Qg6 16.Be3 Nxe3 17.fxe3 a5 18.Rf2 Rg7 19.Qb3 0-0-0 20.Bd5 Ne7 21.Rb1 Nxd5 22.bxa5 Nb6]

8...0-0 9.Re1N White has an edge.

[RR 9.b4 h6 10.h3 Ne7 11.Re1 Ng6 12.d4 exd4 13.Nxd4 *(RR 13.cxd4 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.b5)* 13...d5 14.Bf1 Bxd4 15.cxd4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Rxe4 Be6 18.d5 Qxd5 19.Rd4 Qf5 20.Bb2 c6 21.Rc1 Bd5 22.Bd3 Qe6 23.Rg4 Rae8 Nikitenko,M (2484)-Sjugirov,S (2709) Sochi 2022 0-1 (52)]

[RR 9.h3 Re8 *(RR 9...Kh8 10.Re1 Ng8 11.Nf1 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Be3 Qf6 14.N1h2 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 Nge7)* 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b4 d5 13.Qc2 d4 14.Bb2 Nh5 15.b5 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4

A) RR 19.Qxc7 Rf6 20.Rf1 *(RR 20.Qxb7 Qxf2+ 21.Kh2 Qf4+ 22.Kg1 Rf8; RR 20.Nf3 Rxf3 21.gxf3 Nf4)*

A1) RR 20...axb5 21.axb5 *(RR 21.Qxb7 Qd8)*;

A2) 20...Nf4 21.Nf3 *(RR 21.Nb3 Qd6 22.Qxb7)* 21...Nxh3+ 22.Kh2 Rxf3 23.gxf3 Nf4 24.Qxb7 *(RR 24.bxa6 bxa6 25.Rad1)* 24...Qd8 25.Rfc1;

B) RR 19.Qxc7 Rf6 20.Rf1 Nf4 21.Nf3 Nxh3+ 22.Kh2 Rxf3 23.gxf3 Nf4 24.Qxb7 Qd8 25.Rfc1;

C) 19.Nb3 Qd8 20.g3 Rh6 21.Kg2 *(RR 21.bxa6 Raxa6 22.Qc5)* 21...Qg5 22.Rh1

C1) RR 22...Nf4+ 23.Kf1 Ne6 *(RR 23...Nxh3 24.bxa6 bxa6 25.a5; RR 23...Rxh3 24.Rxh3 Nxh3 25.Qxc7)*;

C2) 22...Rd8 23.d4 *(RR 23.h4 Qf6 24.Qxc7)*

C2a) RR 23...exd4 24.Qxc7 Rhd6 *(RR 24...axb5 25.h4)*;

C2b) 23...Rg6 Lunacek,J (2702)-Ferri,S (2732) Wheeling 2023 TD 92\01 [John Watson] 0-1 (40) Lunacek,J (2702)-Ferri,S (2732) Wheeling 2023 TD 92\01 [John Watson] 0-1 (40) Maghsoodloo,P (2702)-Duda,J (2732) Düsseldorf 2023 Mega2023 Update 43 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (40)]

[RR 9.h3 Re8 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b4 d5 13.Qc2 d4 14.Bb2 Nh5 15.b5 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Nb3 Qd8 20.g3 Rh6 21.Kg2 Qg5

22.Rh1 Rd8 23.d4 Rg6 Maghsoodloo,P (2702)-Duda,J (2732) Düsseldorf 2023 Mega2023 Update 43 [Kitty Kat] 0-1 (40)]
[RR 9.b4 h6 10.h3 Ne7 11.Re1 Ng6 12.d4 exd4 13.Nxd4 d5 14.Bf1 Bxd4 15.cxd4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Rxe4 Be6 18.d5 Qxd5 19.Rd4 Qf5 20.Bb2 c6 21.Rc1 Bd5 22.Bd3 Qe6 23.Rg4 Rae8]

9...Ng4 10.Re2 Kh8 11.Nf1N

[11.h3 f5

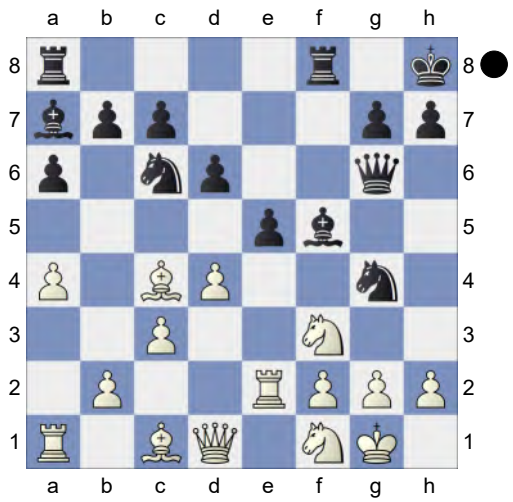
A) 12.exf5 Nxf2 *(12...Nh6 13.Be6 Nxf5 14.Bxc8 Rxc8 15.Nf1 Qd7 16.Ne3 d5 17.Ng4 Qd6 18.Ngxe5 Ng3 19.d4 Nxe2+ 20.Qxe2 Nxe5 21.dxe5 Qg6 22.Be3 Bxe3 23.Qxe3 Rce8 24.b4 Qe4 25.Qc5 Rxf3 26.gxf3 Qxe5 27.Rd1* 14.♕d2 ---_14427 (2509)-Novikov Igor A (UKR) (2558) Moscow 2023 03 d5 and e6: model game [John Watson] ½-½ (80) *)* 13.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 d5 15.Bb3 Bxf5 16.Kg1 Bxd3 17.Ne1 Bg6 18.Ndf3 e4 19.Nh2 Ne7 20.Be3 Qd6 21.Nc2 Rad8 22.Qd2 c5 23.Rd1 h6 24.Ng4 Bh5 25.Ba2 a5 26.Qe1 Be8 11...♕c7 12.♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2761)-Osnos,V (2787) Buenos Aires 2016 HCM [Harding, Chess Mail 1/1997] 1-0 (45);

B) 12.d4 fxe4 13.Nxe4 d5 14.hxg4 Bxg4 7. a4 #18 Italian c3-d3 Mainline with a]

11...f5! 12.Bg5 Qe8 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.d4 Qg6! White must now prevent ... e5-e4. **15.Bc1?** -2.06/22

[15.h3∓ -0.50/20]

(Diagram)



Loses the game. **15...exd4!-+ 16.cxd4 Be4 17.Nh4** -4.84/23

[17.Rxe4 -2.28/23 Qxe4 18.Be3]

17...Qf6 18.Rxe4 Nxf2

[18...Qxh4 19.Rxg4 Qxf2+ 20.Kh1=]

19.Bg5 Qxg5 20.Nf3 Rxf3 21.Qxf3 Nxe4 22.Qxe4 Qe5

[22...Nxd4? 23.Qxb7 Nc2+ 24.Kh1-+]

23.Qxe5 Nxe5

[23...dxe5? is the wrong capture. 24.Kh1-+]

24.Be2 Bxd4+ 25.Kh1 Rf8 26.Ng3 g6

[Don't go for 26...Bxb2? 27.Rb1 Bd4 28.Rxb7-+]

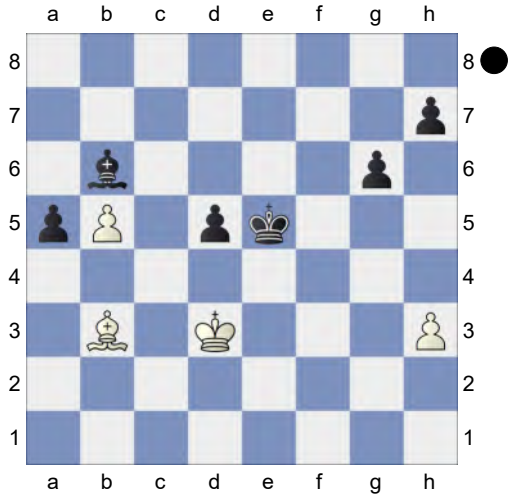
27.Rd1 Bb6 28.h3 a5 29.b3 Rf4 30.Nf1 Kg7 31.Nd2 Rd4 32.g3 Bc5 33.Kg2 Bb4 34.Nc4 Rxd1 35.Bxd1 Nxc4 36.bxc4 Endgame KB-KB **36...Kf6 37.Kf3 Ke5 38.Ke3 Bc5+ 39.Kd3 Bf2 40.Bf3 c6**

[Worse is 40...Bxg3 41.Bxb7 h5 42.Ke3]

41.Bg4 Bxg3 42.Bc8 b5 43.cxb5 cxb5 44.axb5 Bf2 45.Bg4 Bb6 46.Bd1 d5 ...g6-g5 is the strong threat. **47.Bb3?** -4.55/32

[47.Be2 -2.50/25 was necessary.]

(Diagram)

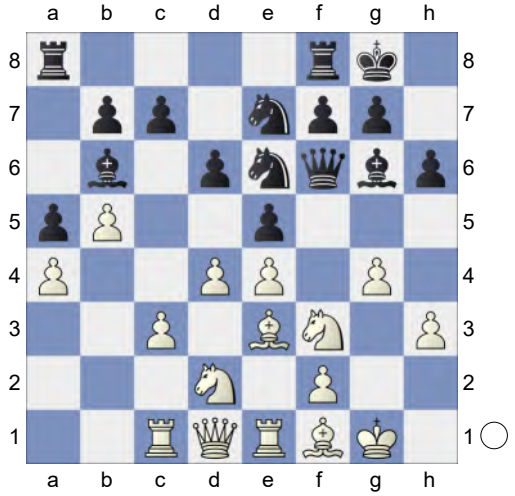


47...Kd6 48.Kc3 Kc5 49.Kd3 -4.45/29
[⌓49.Bc2 -2.86/27]
49...Bd8 -2.62/24
[⌓49...h5 -4.45/29 aiming for ...h5-h4. 50.Kc3 g5]
50.Ba2? -9.43/30
[50.b6 -2.62/24]
50...h5 Black is clearly winning. **51.Bb3 g5 52.Bd1 h4 53.Bf3 a4 54.Kc2 d4 55.Be2 Kb4 56.Kb2 a3+ 57.Ka2 Bb6 58.Bf1 Bc5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/Black=0.17 (very precise)
0-1

284 **C50**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2733**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2796**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (1.3)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 d6 5.c3 Bb6 6.d3 h6 7.Re1** 7.b4 gains popularity. 7.b4 wird beliebter.
[7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Bb3 a5 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 20.Nb1 Ne4 21.Nc3 Nxc3 0-1 Gazi,M (2785)-Sudgen,J (2760) Simultaneous (Game 7) Internet 2000 (1)]
7...Qf6N
[7...Nge7 8.b4 *(8.d4 Ng6 9.Be3 Bg4 10.Nbd2 exd4 11.cxd4 Bxd4 12.Qb3 Bxe3 13.Bxf7+ Kd7 14.Rxe3 Qf6 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Rxf3 Nf4 17.Rxf4 Qxf4 18.Be6+ Ke7 19.Nf3 Ne5 20.Nd4 Rhe8 21.Bf5 Kf8 22.Ne6+ Rxe6* 1-0 Tabatabaei,M (2718)-Radjabov,T (2700) Moscow Stars Blitz 2024 (9)*)* 8...Ng6 9.a4 a6 10.a5 Ba7 11.Be3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Kh8 13.Bxa7 Rxa7 14.d4 Nf4 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nb3 Qf6 17.Re3 Rd8 18.Qf1 Bg4 19.Ne1 Ne7 20.f3 Be6 21.Bxe6 fxe6 22.g3 1-0 McNutt,W (2072)-Rossolimo,N (1921) Cup-8 corr BdF 1974 (2) Qg5 23.Kh1 Nh5 24.Rd3 Rxd3 25.Nxd3 b6 26.Qf2 Nc8 27.Rd1 Ra8 28.axb6 cxb6 29.Nd2 Nf6 30.Nc4 Nd7 31.f4 exf4 32.Nxf4 Nf8 33.Qf3 Ra7 34.e5 Rf7 35.Qe4 b5 36.Nd6 Nxd6 37.exd6 1-0 Majek,K (2072)-Wesolek,K (1921) Polanica Zdroj op 59th 2023 (2)]
8.b4 White has an edge. **8...Nge7 9.a4** And now a5 would win. **9...a5N**
[9...a6 10.Be3 Bxe3 11.fxe3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Be6 13.Bxe6 Qxe6 14.d4 Nb8 15.Qb3 Qxb3 16.Nxb3 exd4 17.exd4 1-0 Haldorsen,B (2426)-Stenersen,G (2144) NOR-chT Elite 2324 2023 (8.56)]
10.b5 Nd8 11.Be3 Ne6 12.Nbd2 Nf4 13.d4 Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.Bf1 0-0 1.02/21
[15...0-0-0= 0.29/24]
16.Rc1 0.58/20
[16.g3± 1.02/21]
16...Ne6 1.58/18

[Black should try 16...g5± 0.58/20]
17.g4± Bg6



18.Nxe5 0.06/19 **dxe5=** The position is equal. **19.dxe5 Qxe5** aiming for ... Bxe3. **20.Nf3! Qxe4** ...Rad8 would now be deadly.
[20...Qf6? 21.e5+-]
21.Bxb6 Rad8! 22.Nd4 Qf4⇄ Black is not holding back **23.Bxa5 b6! 24.Bb4 Nxd4 25.cxd4**
[25.Rxe7? Nf3+-+]
25...Rxd4 26.Qe2 Rxb4 27.Qxe7 Rxa4 28.Qxc7 h5 29.Qxf4 Rxf4 30.gxh5 Bxh5 31.Rc6 Rb8 32.Re7 Kf8 33.Ra7 Re4 34.Kg2 Re7 35.Ra6 Reb7 36.Kg3 f6 37.Bg2 Be8 38.Re6 Bd7
[38...Re7 39.Rexb6 *(39.Raxb6 Rc8±)* 39...Rc8 40.Ra8 Rc3+ 41.f3]
39.Bxb7 Bxe6 Endgame. KRB-KRB **40.Bc6**
[Of course not 40.Rxb6 Bd7 41.Bc6 Rxb6-+]
40...Kf7 41.Ra7+ Kg6 42.Re7 Bc4 43.h4 Kh6 44.f3 Bd3 45.Rd7 Bf5 46.Rd6 Bc2 47.Bd5 Bd3 48.Bf7 Bf1 49.Kf2 Rf8
[49...Bxb5? loses. 50.Rd5 g5 51.Rxb5+-]
50.Kxf1 Rxf7 KR-KR **51.Kf2 Kh5 52.Kg3 Rb7 53.Rd5+ Kh6 54.Kg4 Rc7 55.Rd6 Rc4+ 56.f4 Rb4 57.Rxb6 g6 58.Rxf6 Rxb5 59.Re6 Ra5 60.Re5 Ra1 61.f5 gxf5+ 62.Rxf5 Ra4+ 63.Rf4 Rxf4+ 64.Kxf4** KP-K **64...Kh5 65.Kg3 Kh6 66.Kg4 Kh7 67.Kg5 Kh8 68.Kg6 Kg8 69.h5 Kh8 70.h6 Kg8 71.h7+ Kh8 72.Kh6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

285 **C50**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2733**
■ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2741**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (3.2)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3N**
[6.a4 a6 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 0-0 9.Qe1 Ne7 10.Nh4 Be6 11.Nd2 Qd7 12.Qg3 Bxc4 13.Nxc4 Qg4 14.Qe1 Qe6 15.b3 g6 16.a5 Kg7 17.Nf3 h6 18.Nh4 Neg8 19.h3 Rae8 20.Qb4 Qc8 Sevian,S (2698) - Lazavik,D (2553) Chess.com INT 2023 ½-½]
[6.h3 h6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Na4 Bb6 9.Nxb6 axb6 10.Bd2 Ne7 11.Nh4 Be6 12.Bb3 Bxb3 13.axb3 Qd7 14.Qf3 Ng6 15.Rxa8 Rxa8 16.Nxg6 fxg6 17.Bxh6 gxh6 18.Qxf6 Qf7 19.Qxf7+ Kxf7 20.f4 exf4 Causil Pastrana,X (1564)-Martinez Serna,M (1621) Pereira 2024 ½-½ (48)]
[6.Nc3 a6 7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.Bxd5 0-0 9.h3 Ne7 10.Bb3 Ng6 11.Bg5 Qe8 12.c3 Ba7 13.Re1 Bd7 14.d4 h6 15.Be3 Qe7 16.Qd2 Bc6 17.Rad1

Qf6 18.Qc2 Rfe8 19.Bd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 e4 Orfila,A (1890)-Sprott,G (2110) Biel 2023 The Week in Chess 509 [John Watson] 0-1 (39)]
[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 h5 9.h4 Bg4 10.c3 Qd7 11.d4 exd4 12.e5 dxe5 13.Bxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qf5 15.Nxg4 hxg4 16.Bd3 Qd5 17.b4 0-0-0 18.c4 Qc6 19.bxc5 Rxh4 20.f3 Rdh8 Part Chapter-Games Game 9 (39)]

6...0-0
[6...a5 7.Re1 Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Nf1 Ne7 10.h3 Ng6 11.Bb3 c6 12.Ng3 h6 13.d4 Re8 14.Be3 Qc7 15.Qd2 Kh7 16.Rad1 Be6 17.Bxe6 Rxe6 18.Qc1 d5 19.dxe5 Nxe4 20.Bxa7 Nxg3 ½-½ Niemann,H (2689)-Dominguez Perez,L (2748) Chess.com Classic Play In rapid 2024 (4)]

7.Re1 a5 The modern move. Der moderne Zug. **8.h3 h6 9.Nbd2 Be6** The position is equal. **10.Bb5 Bb6 11.Nc4 Bc5 12.Ba4 Bxc4 13.dxc4 Nh5 14.g4** 'N'
[14.a3 Bb6 15.Bc2 Qf6 16.b3 Nf4 17.Ra2 Qe6 18.a4 Rae8 19.Bb1 g5 20.Nh2 ½-½ Hagelstein,D (2320)-Mihai,P (2339) ROM-ch62 email 2023]

14...Nf6 15.g5 hxg5 16.Bxg5 Qc8 17.Kh2 aiming for Bxf6. **17...Nh7**
[17...Bxf2? 18.Re2 Nxe4 19.Rxe4+-]

18.Rg1 Qe6 Against Bh6
[18...Bxf2 19.Rg2 Bc5 20.Bh6±]

19.Rg2 Ne7
[19...Qxc4 20.Bh6 Bxf2 21.Bxg7+-]

20.Bd2 Ng6
[20...Qxc4 21.Bh6 g6 22.Bxf8 Kxf8 23.Qc2±]

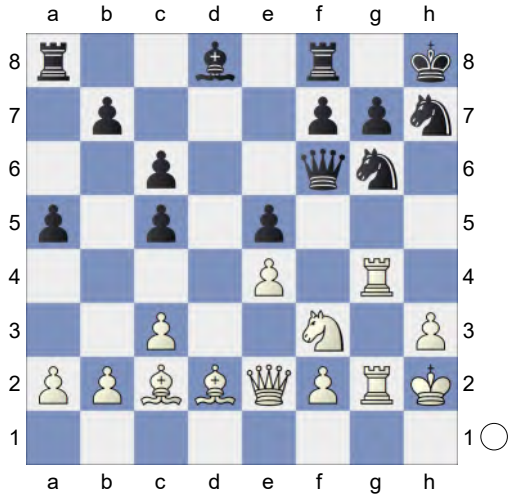
21.Qe2 Qf6 0.83/25
[21...Nf4± 0.49/23 was preferrable. 22.Bxf4 exf4]

22.Rg4± c6 23.Rag1 Kh8 24.Bc2 Bb6 1.21/22
[Better is 24...Rg8 0.79/22]

25.R1g2 Bd8 1.83/23
[25...Rae8± 1.03/21]

26.c5 0.98/21
[White should try 26.h4+- 1.83/23]

26...dxc5 1.68/23
[26...Qe6± 0.98/21]



27.h4!+- c4 28.h5 Ne7 29.Rxg7 Rg8 30.R7g3 b5 2.54/22
[⌓30...Rxg3 1.97/22 31.fxg3 *(31.Rxg3 Bb6±)* 31...Bb6]

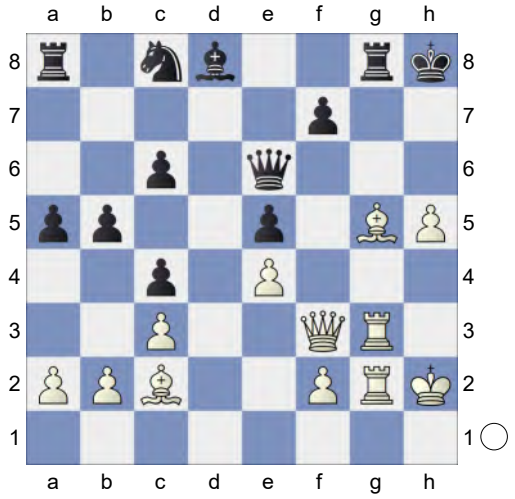
31.Ng5 Nxg5 32.Bxg5
[Resist 32.Rxg5?! Bb6 33.Qg4 Raf8]

32...Qe6 4.72/25
[32...Rxg5 2.37/25 keeps fighting. 33.Rxg5 Bb6]

33.Qf3 And now Bf6+ would win.

33...Nc8? 10.17/26
[33...Kh7 2.87/23 34.Qe3 c5 35.Qxc5 Nc6]

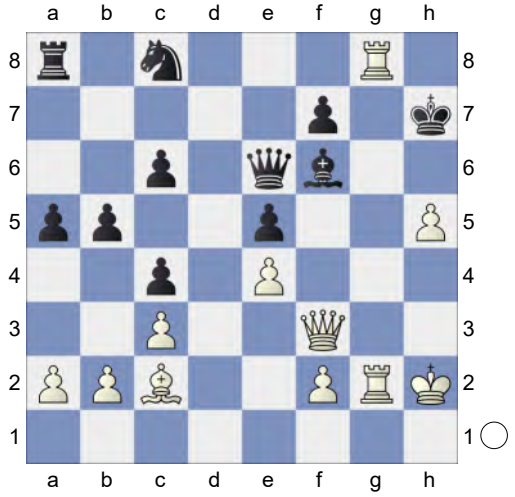
(Diagram)



34.Bf6+! Bxf6

[34...Qxf6 35.Rxg8+]

35.Rxg8+ Kh7



36.Re8!! 15.23/25 Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) / Black=0.49

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286 **C50**

□ **Kitty Kat,Hans Moke** **2733**

■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2796**

USA-ch Saint Louis (1) 11.10.2024

[Naruemon]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 d6 5.c3 Bb6**

[5...Nf6 6.d3 a6 7.a4 Ba7 8.Re1 h6 9.Nbd2 g5 10.b4 Nh7 11.Kh1 0-0 12.Rf1 Kh8 13.d4 Qf6 14.b5 Ne7 15.Bd3 Ng6 16.Nc4 Bg4 17.Ne3 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Nf4 19.Nf5 Rad8 20.Rb1 0-1 5.♗e2 0-0-0 6.♗e3_46143 (2674)-Semi-Slav 5.cxd5 (2604) D0033 www.desc-online.de 1999 (6.1)]

6.d3 h6N

[6...Nf6 7.Re1 0-0 8.Nbd2 Ne7 9.Nf1 Ng6 10.a4 c6 11.b4 a5 12.d4 Bg4 13.Qd3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 exd4 15.b5 Ne5 16.Qe2 Nxc4 17.Qxc4 Nxe4 18.bxc6 d5 19.Qd3 Qf6 20.Ra2 bxc6 21.c4 0-1 Karacic,N (1801)-5. ♗c4 e6 6.h3 ♗h5_43844 (2123) Buenos Aires 1989 (3)]

7.Re1 7.b4 gains popularity. 7.b4 wird beliebter. **7...Qf6 8.b4** White has an edge. **8...Nge7 9.a4 a5N**

[9...a6 10.Be3 Bxe3 11.fxe3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Be6 13.Bxe6 Qxe6 14.d4 Hoping for d5. Nb8 15.Qb3 -0.09/22 *(⌓15.a5 0.27/20)* 15...Qxb3= 16.Nxb3 exd4 17.exd4 1-0 Haldorsen, B (2426)-Stenersen,G (2144) NOR-chT Elite 2324 2023 (8.56)]

10.b5 Nd8 11.Be3 Ne6 12.Nbd2 Nf4 13.d4 Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.Bf1 0-0 1.00/20

[15...0-0-0= 0.22/21]

16.Rc1 0.59/21

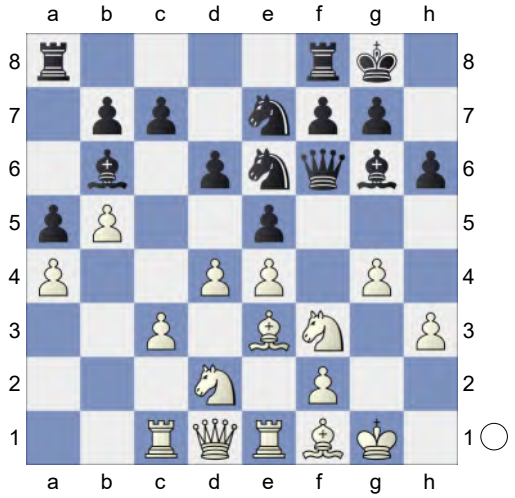
[16.d5± 1.00/20]

16...Ne6 1.53/20

[16...g5± 0.59/21]

17.g4± Bg6

(Diagram)



18.Nxe5 0.10/18 **dxe5= 19.dxe5 Qxe5 20.Nf3! Qxe4** And now ...Rad8 would win.

[20...Qf6? 21.e5+-]

21.Bxb6 Rad8! 22.Nd4 Qf4⇄ Black is fighting back **23.Bxa5** Qe2 would now be deadly. **23...b6 24.Bb4 Nxd4 25.cxd4**

[25.Rxe7? Nf3+-+]

25...Rxd4 26.Qe2 Rxb4 27.Qxe7 Rxa4 28.Qxc7 h5 29.Qxf4 Rxf4 30.gxh5 Bxh5 31.Rc6 Rb8 32.Re7 Kf8 33.Ra7 Re4 34.Kg2 Re7 35.Ra6 Reb7 36.Kg3 f6 37.Bg2 Be8 38.Re6 Bd7

[38...Re7?! 39.Rexb6 *(39.Raxb6 Rc8±)* 39...Rd8 40.Ra4±]

39.Bxb7 Bxe6 Endgame. KRB-KRB **40.Bc6**

[Much worse is 40.Rxb6 Bf5 41.h4 Ke7∓]

40...Kf7 41.Ra7+ Kg6 42.Re7 Bc4 43.h4 Kh6 44.f3 Bd3 45.Rd7 Bf5 46.Rd6 Bc2 47.Bd5 Bd3 48.Bf7 Bf1 The position is equal. **49.Kf2 Rf8**

[49...Bxb5? loses. 50.Rd5 g5 51.Rxb5+-]

50.Kxf1 Rxf7 KR-KR **51.Kf2 Kh5 52.Kg3 Rb7 53.Rd5+ Kh6 54.Kg4 Rc7 55.Rd6 Rc4+ 56.f4 Rb4 57.Rxb6 g6 58.Rxf6 Rxb5 59.Re6 Ra5 60.Re5 Ra1 61.f5 gxf5+ 62.Rxf5 Ra4+ 63.Rf4 Rxf4+ 64.Kxf4** KP-K **64...Kh5 65.Kg3 Kh6 66.Kg4 Kh7 67.Kg5 Kh8 68.Kg6 Kg8 69.h5 Kh8 70.h6 Kg8 71.h7+ Kh8 72.Kh6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)

½-½

287 **C54**

□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2733**

■ **Predke,Alexandr** **2671**

Julius Baer Gen Cup Pl/In (4) 25.09.2024

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.c3 a6 6.0-0 d6 7.Re1** 7.Re1 is setting a new trend. 7.Te1 setzt einen neuen Trend. **7...Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Nf1** White has an edge. **9...Na5 10.Bb3 Nxb3 11.axb3 h6 12.h3** Wards off Ng4 **12...Re8 13.Ng3 d5** 0.81/21

[13...b5= 0.29/23]

14.exd5!± Qxd5 15.Be3N

[15.b4 b5 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Bb7 18.Qe2 e4 19.dxe4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Rxe4 21.Rxe4 Qxe4 22.Qxe4 Bxe4 23.Nd4 Bd5 24.f3 Kf8 25.Kf2 Ke7 26.h4 g6 27.g4 Kd6 28.h5 c5 29.bxc5+ Kxc5 0-1 Tabatabaei,M (2712)-Duda,J (2733) FIDE World Bl Team Final blitz 2024 (2.2)]

15...Bxe3 1.17/25

[15...Bb8± 0.65/22]

16.Rxe3 Bd7 17.c4!N

[Vorgänger: 17.Qc2 0.63/25 17.c4 1.21 Re6 1.56/25 *(Better is 17...Nh7!±* 0.63/25 *)* 18.c4± Qd6

19.Qc3 c5 20.Nxe5 Rae8 21.Rae1 1.32/24 *(21.Nf5+- 1.78/24 Qc7 22.Nxd7 Qxd7 23.Rg3)* 21...b5 2.30/23 *(21...Bc8± 1.32/24 22.Nf5 Qd8)* 22.Nf5+- Qc7 Strongly threatening ...b4. 23.Ng4 ½-½ Niemann,H (2692)-Malakhov,V (2648) Chessable Masters Play In rapid 2024 (3)]

17...Qd6 18.Qe2 Re7 19.Nxe5 Rae8 20.Re1 Bc8 21.Nf1 0.36/22

[21.Kh2± 0.88/23]

21...b6 1.02/22

[21...Bf5!⩲ 0.36/22]

22.Nf3 0.60/23

[22.Ng3± 1.02/22]

22...Rxe3⩲ 23.fxe3 Nd7 24.d4 Bb7 Dodges e4 **25.N1d2 Nf6** Prevents e4. **26.Ne5 c5 27.Qf2 Rd8 28.Ndf3 Ne4** 0.85/22

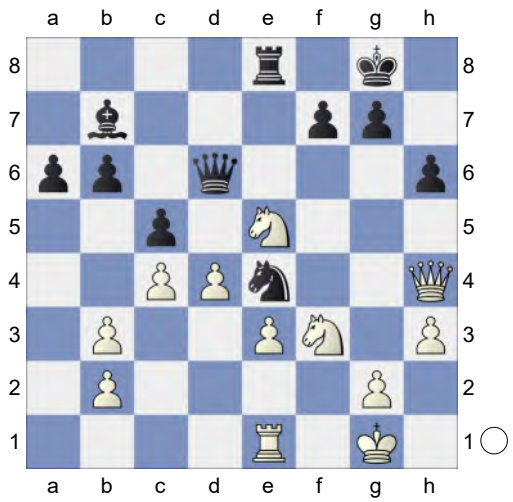
[Black should play 28...Bxf3⩲ 0.34/24 29.Nxf3 Re8]

29.Qh4±

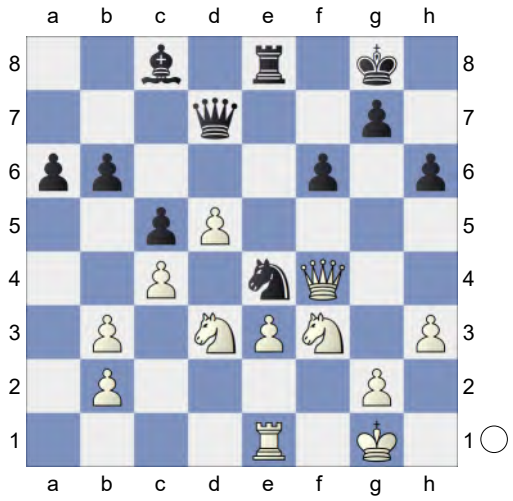
[29.Nxf7 Qf6 *(29...Kxf7 30.Ne5+* Discovered Attack (Double Check) *Kg8 31.Qf7+ Kh7 32.Qxb7±)* 30.Qh4 Qxh4 *(30...Qxf7?* is the wrong capture. *31.Qxd8+ Qf8 32.Qxf8+ Kxf8 33.Nh4+-; 30...Kxf7? 31.Rf1-+)* 31.Nxh4 Kxf7∓]

29...Re8

(Diagram)



30.Qf4! f6 31.Nd3 Threatens to win with Qxd6. A dynamic duo of knights. **31...Qd7 32.d5** Hoping for Nde5! **32...Bc8**



33.Nf2! Qf5 3.31/26 This costs Black the game.

[33...Nd6± 1.58/21 34.e4 Nf7]

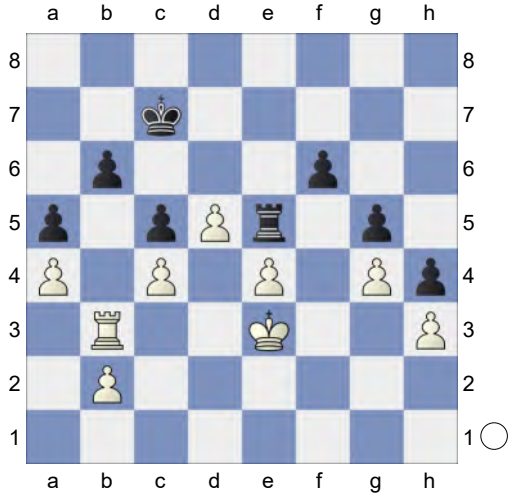
34.Nxe4 Qxe4 35.Qxe4 Rxe4+- Endgame. KRB-KRN **36.Nd2 Re5 37.e4 Bf5 38.Kf2 Bg6 39.g4 a5 40.Kf3 h5 41.Kf4 Bh7 42.Rg1 g5+ 43.Ke3 h4** 4.24/23

[⌓43...hxg4 2.94/22 44.hxg4 Kg7]

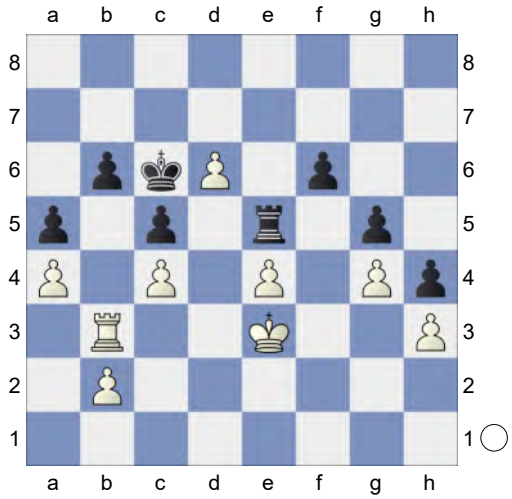
44.Kd3 Kf8 45.Re1 Ke8 46.Re2 Bg6 47.Nb1 Ke7 48.Nc3 Be8? 3.91/26

[48...Kd8 2.26/25 keeps fighting. 49.Rf2 Ke7]

49.Na4 Bxa4? 7.38/38
[49...Bg6 3.48/21 50.Nxb6 Kd6 51.Nc8+ Kc7]
50.bxa4 KR-KR. White is clearly winning. **50...Kd6 51.Rf2 Ke7 52.Rf3 Kf7 53.Ke3 Re8 54.Rf2 Re5 55.Rd2 Ke7 56.Rd3 Kd6 57.Rb3 Kc7**



58.d6+! Kc6
[58...Kxd6 59.Rxb6+]



59.d7! Deflection **59...Kxd7 60.Rxb6 Re6 61.Rb5 Rc6 62.Rxa5 Kd6 63.Rb5 Ke5 64.b4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.32
1-0

288 **C54**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2733**
■ **Svane,Rasmus** **2629**
Julius Baer Gen Cup Pl/In (5) 25.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...d6N
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3)]
6.0-0 h6 7.b4 Bb6 8.a4 Threatens to win with a5. **8...a5** 8...a5 scores better than 8...a6. 8...a5 punktet besser als 8...a6. **9.b5 Ne7 10.Be3 Bxe3**

The position is equal. **11.fxe3 Ng6 12.Bb3 0-0 13.c4 Be6 14.Nc3 c6 15.Rc1 Qe7N**

[Vorgänger: 15...Re8 16.h3 Rc8 17.Qe1 Nd7 18.Nd2 Nc5 19.Bc2 f6 20.Ne2 Bf7 21.d4 Ne6 1-0 Marbourg, D (2374)-Packroff,H (2196) VW-Cup11 Gr44 email 2018]

16.h3 Rfd8 17.Qe1 0.03/23

[17.Rf2± 0.42/20]

17...Rac8 0.40/20

[17...d5= 0.03/23 deserves consideration.]

18.Rf2 c5 1.38/22

[18...Nf8= 0.30/20]

19.Nd5± Bxd5 20.cxd5 b6 21.Nd2 Rb8 22.Nc4 Nf8 23.Qd2 g6 24.Rcf1 N8d7 25.Bd1 h5 26.Rf3 Rf8 27.Qf2 Nh7 28.Qg3 Black is weak on the light squares **28...Kg7 29.R3f2 Kh8 30.Be2** White is much more active. **30...Rbd8 31.d4?** -0.48/23 **cxd4** 0.47/24

[31...h4∓ -0.48/23 32.Qf3 Kg8]

32.exd4± exd4 33.Qxd6 Qxd6 34.Nxd6 f6 35.Nc4 Ne5 0.85/25

[35...Rfe8= 0.21/24 keeps the balance.]

36.Rd1!±

[36.Nxb6 d3 37.Bxd3 Nxd3∓]

36...Nxc4 37.Bxc4 Ng5 38.Rxd4 0.43/25

[38.Bd3± 1.09/27]

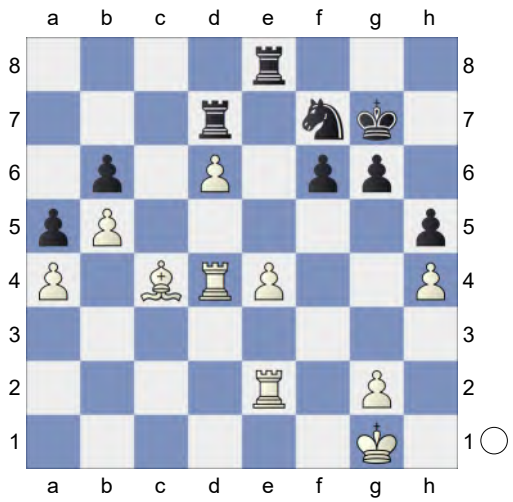
38...Kg7 1.51/22

[38...Ne6!± 0.43/25 39.dxe6 Rxd4]

39.d6 d7 is the strong threat. **39...Rfe8 40.Re2↑** Black is under strong pressure. **40...Rd7 41.h4 Nf7** 2.64/23

[41...Ne6± 1.13/28 was worth a try. 42.Bxe6 Rxe6]

(Diagram)

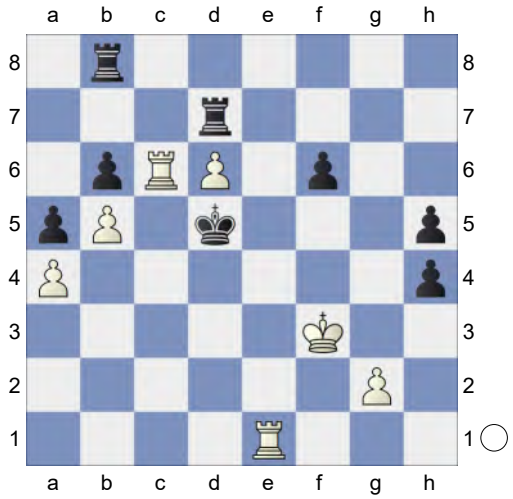


42.Bxf7!+- Kxf7 Endgame. KRR-KRR **43.Rc2** Hoping for Rc6. **43...Ke6 44.Rc6 Ke5 45.Rd5+ Kxe4 46.Rd1** And now Re1+ would win. **46...Rb8 47.Kf2 g5 48.Kg3 Ke5 49.Re1+ Kd5 50.Kf3** 1.30/20

[Better is 50.Re2+- 1.68/21]

50...gxh4? 4.72/22

[50...Rg8± 1.30/20 is tougher.]



51.Kf4! White is clearly winning. **51...Rg8 52.Kf5**

[52.Rxb6 Rxg2 53.Rh1 f5= *(53...Rxd6? 54.Rd1+ Ke6 55.Rbxd6++-)*]

52...Rg5+ 53.Kxf6 Rxg2 6.54/20

[⌓53...Rg8 4.59/18 54.Rd1+

(54.Rxb6 Rxd6+ 55.Rxd6+ Kxd6=) 54...Ke4]

54.Rd1+

[Worse is 54.Rxb6 Rxd6+ 55.Rxd6+ Kxd6=]

54...Ke4 55.Ke6

[And not 55.Rxb6 Rf2+ 56.Ke6 Rdf7 57.Re1+ Kd4 58.Rd1+ Ke4 59.Re1+ Kd4 60.Rd1+ Ke4=]

55...Rdg7 56.Rc4+ Skewer

[56.Rxb6? R2g6#]

56...Ke3 57.Rxh4 R2g5 58.Rhh1 Kf3 59.Rhf1+ Ke2 60.Rfe1+ Kf2 61.Re5 aiming for Rxg5. **61...R7g6+ 62.Kd5 Rxe5+ 63.Kxe5** Black must now prevent d7. **63...Rg5+ 64.Kf6 Rg8 65.d7 h4 66.d8Q** Promotion **66...Rxd8 67.Rxd8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.41

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289 **C50**

□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2733**

■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2802**

Paris blitz (2.18) 07.09.2024

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo The Field 18 Feb 1882; Pagni Italian book p173. Pagni says this game was played in 1878. Apparently the old Italian rules were NOT used. **1.e4** Neishtadt,Yakov Kitty Kat Kitty Kat Harikrishna, Pentala Braun, Christian

1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.Bg5

[RR 6.c3 a5 *(6...0-0 7.a4 a6)* 7.Re1 h6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3

A) RR 9...Be6 10.Bb5 Bb6 11.Nc4 Bc5 12.Ncd2 Bb6 13.Nf1 Ne7 14.d4 exd4 15.cxd4 *(RR 15.Nxd4 d5 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.exd5 Nfxd5 18.Rxe6)* 15...d5 16.e5 Ne4 17.Ng3 Nxg3 18.fxg3

A1) RR 18...c5 19.g4 Ng6 20.Bd3 cxd4 21.g5 *(RR 21.Kh1)* 21...h5 22.Nh2 Qd7 *(RR 22...Qc8 23.Qf3 Bc7 24.Qxh5 Bf5)* 23.Qxh5 Bf5 *(RR 23...Rfc8)* 24.Ng4 Nf4 *(RR 24...Bxg4 25.hxg4 Rfe8)* 25.Bxf4 Bxd3 26.e6 Qe7;

A2) 18...c6 19.Bd3 Nf5 20.Bxf5 Bxf5 Niemann,H (2675)-Tari,A (2635) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 16 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (79) 21.Be3 Be4 22.Nd2 Bg6 23.Bf2 a4 24.a3;

B) 9...Bd7 10.Nf1 a4 11.d4 Bb6 12.Ng3 Re8 13.Bf1 Ba5 14.dxe5 *(RR 14.Qxa4 Bxc3)* 14...Nxe5 15.Be3 b5 16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.Qf3 Rb8 18.Rad1 Qe7 19.a3 Be6 20.Nf5 Bxf5 Dominguez Perez,L (2741)-Oparin,G (2662) Saint Louis USA 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (65)]

[RR 6.a4 a6 *(RR 6...Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.c3 a5 9.Re1 Qd7 10.Nbd2 g5 11.g4 Nxg4 12.hxg4 Qxg4+ 13.Kf1 Qh3+ 14.Ke2 g4 15.Ng5 Qh4 16.d4 exd4 17.f4 gxf3+ 18.Ndxf3 Ne5 19.Bxf7+ Nxf7 20.cxd4 Nxg5 21.Bxg5)* 7.c3 Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Re8 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b4 d5 13.Qc2 d4 14.Bb2 Nh5 15.b5 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Nb3 Qd8 20.g3 Rh6]

[RR 6.Nc3]

6...h6 7.Bh4

[RR 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nc3 Ne7 9.d4 exd4 10.e5 Qg6]

[RR 7.Be3]

7...a6N

[RR 7...g5 8.Bg3 h5 RR

A) 9.Nxg5 h4 10.Nxf7 hxg3 11.Nxd8 *(*RR *11.Nxh8 Qe7 12.Nf7 Bxf2+ 13.Rxf2 gxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Ng4+ 15.Kg3 Qf6 16.Qf3 Qg7)* 11...Bg4

A1) RR 12.Nf7 Rh5 13.Qxg4 *(*RR *13.Qd2 Nd4 14.Nxd6+ Kf8 15.Nxb7 Ne2+ 16.Qxe2 gxh2+ 17.Kh1 Bxe2)* 13...gxf2+ *(*RR *13...Nxg4 14.hxg3 Nd4 15.Nc3 c6 16.a3 d5)* 14.Kh1 Nxg4 15.h3 Ne3 16.Rxf2 Nxc4 17.Rf6 Ne3 18.Nc3 Nd4 19.Rc1 Ndxc2 20.Nd1 Ke7 21.Rh6 Rxh6 22.Nxh6;

A2) RR 12.Nxc6 Bxd1

A2a) RR 13.Rxd1 Ng4 14.hxg3 Nxf2 15.d4 Nxd1 16.dxc5 bxc6 17.b4 Ne3 18.Na3 d5 19.Bd3;

A2b) RR 13.Nc3 gxf2+ 14.Rxf2 *(*RR *14.Kh1 Ng4 15.h3 Rxh3+ 16.gxh3 Bf3#)* 14...bxc6 15.Nxd1 Ng4 16.h3 Nxf2 17.Nxf2 Rf8 18.Rf1 Ke7 19.d4 Bxd4 20.c3 Be3 21.Be2 d5 22.exd5;

A2c) 13.hxg3 bxc6 14.Rxd1 Ng4 15.Rf1 Rf8 16.b4 Bb6 17.a4 Nxf2 18.a5 Be3 19.Re1 Bd4 20.c3 Nxd3+ 21.cxd4;

A3) 12.Qd2 Nd4 RR 13.h3 *(*RR *13.Nc3 Nf3+ 14.gxf3 Bxf3* 0-1 (14) Knorre,V-Chigorin,M pag. 164 1874 10000 Comentadas [Neishtadt,Yakov] RR *15.hxg3 Rh1#;* RR *13.Qe3 Ne2+ 14.Qxe2 Bxe2 15.hxg3 Kxd8)* 13...Ne2+ RR 14.Qxe2 *(14.Kh1 Rxh3+ 15.gxh3 Bf3#)* 14...Bxe2 15.Ne6 Bb6 16.Nc3 Bxf1 17.Kxf1 gxf2 18.Na4 Kd7 *(18...Ba5)* 19.Nxb6+ axb6 20.Kxf2 b5 21.Bb3 Rag8 22.Nxc7 Kxc7 23.Bxg8 Rxg8 Bruneau,L-Van Tuyl,W 1934_226900 Zürich (Switzerland);

B) 9.h4 Bg4 10.c3 Qd7 11.b4 *(11.d4 exd4 12.e5 dxe5 13.Bxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qf5 15.Nxg4 hxg4 16.Bd3 Qd5 17.b4 0-0-0 18.c4 Qc6 19.bxc5 Rxh4 20.f3 Rdh8 21.fxg4 Qe8 22.Qe1 Qe3+ 23.Qxe3 dxe3 24.g3 Rh1+ 25.Kg2 R8h2+* Chapter Italian Game-Games Chapter Italian Game *)* 11...Bb6 12.Nbd2 0-0-0 13.a4 a5 14.Bb5 Rdg8 15.bxa5 Ba7 16.Nb3 gxh4 17.Bxh4 Bh3 18.g3 Qg4 19.Bxc6 bxc6 20.Nbd2 Bxf1 21.Qxf1 Qg6 22.d4 Padua-Rome Rome-Padua match 1878-1882 (1) 1-0]

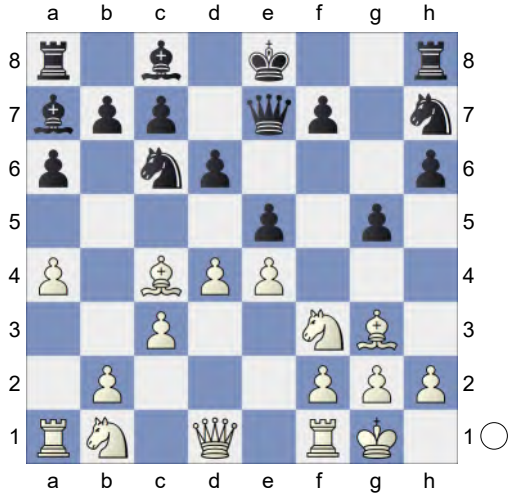
[RR 7...a5 8.c3 Ba7 9.a4 g5 10.Bg3 Ne7 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Ng6 13.d4 Nh5

A) RR 14.Kh1 Qf6 *(*RR *14...g4 15.Ng1 exd4 16.cxd4 Bxd4 17.Ne2;* RR *14...g4 15.Ng1 exd4 16.cxd4 Bxd4 17.Ne2)* 15.Rad1 Kg7;

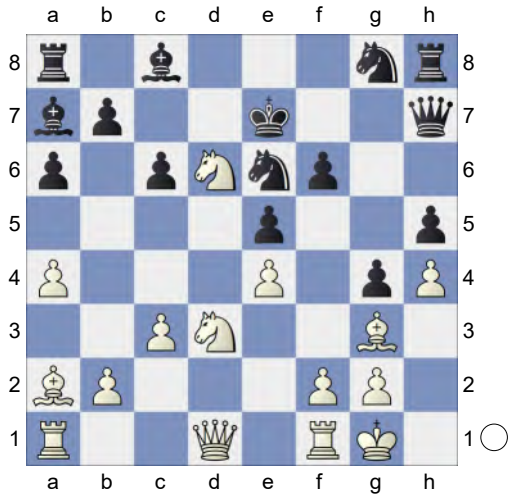
B) 14.dxe5 Nxg3 *(*RR *14...g4 15.Ne1 Nxg3 16.hxg3 dxe5 17.Rd1 h5)* 15.hxg3 dxe5 16.Rad1 g4 17.Nh2 Qg5 *(* RR *17...Qf6)* 18.Rfe1 Kg7 19.Re2 h5 20.Ndf1 h4 21.Rd3 *(*RR *21.gxh4 Qxh4 22.g3 Qg5)* 21...hxg3 22.Rxg3 Boskovic,M (2688)-Kennaugh,C (2720) 45: Lloyds Bank 1994 (6.1) 0-1 Abdusattorov, N (2677)-Fedoseev,V (2685) Chess.com INT 2022 CBM 213 [Braun, Christian] 0-1 (34) Abdusattorov,N

(2688)-Harikrishna,P (2720) Chennai 2022 CBM 210 [Harikrishna, Pentala] 0-1 (34) *(RR 22.Nxg3 Nf4)*]

8.c3 Ba7 9.a4 g5 The position is equal. **10.Bg3 Nh7 11.d4 Qe7** 0.87/19
[11...h5= -0.01/19 12.h4 *(12.dxe5 h4∓)* 12...g4]



12.Bd5!± Hoping for Bd5xc6+. **12...f6**
13.Nbd2 0.48/20
[13.b4± 0.87/18]
13...h5 Threatens to win with ...h5-h4.
14.dxe5 -0.01/21
[14.h4!⩲ 0.44/19 is superior.]
14...dxe5 0.50/20
[14...fxe5= -0.01/21 15.Nc4 h4 16.Nxh4 gxh4 17.Qh5+ Kf8 18.Bxh4 Qg7 19.Qf3+ Ke8 20.Qh5+ Kf8 21.Qf3+ Ke8 22.Qh5+ Kf8]
15.Nc4? -1.33/20
[15.h4!⩲ 0.50/20 keeps the upper hand.]
15...Nf8? 0.38/20
[Black should play 15...h4∓ -1.33/20 16.Bxc6+ bxc6 17.Nfxe5 fxe5 *(17...hxg3? is the wrong capture. 18.Qh5+ Kf8 19.Ng6+ Kf7 20.Nxe7++-)* 18.Qh5+ Qf7 19.Qxf7+ Kxf7 20.Bxe5 Nf6]
16.h4⩲ g4 17.Ne1 Qh7 0.79/20
[17...Nd8⩲ 0.34/19]
18.Ne3 0.23/21 White is more active.
[18.Bxc6+± 0.79/20 bxc6 19.Qe2]
18...Ne7!= 19.Nd3↑ White is pushing.
19...c6 1.69/21
[19...Nxd5= 0.22/19 20.Nxd5 Qg7]
20.Ba2 0.86/20
[20.Bc4+- 1.69/21]
20...Ne6? 2.73/21
[20...Neg6± 0.86/20]
21.Nc4+- Ng8? 5.29/24
[21...Ng6 2.28/20 is tougher. 22.Nd6+ Ke7]
22.Nd6+ White is clearly winning.
22...Ke7



23.Nxe5! fxe5 24.Bxe5 Nh6 25.Nxc8+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.84
1-0

290 **C54**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2733**
■ **Mishra,Abhimanyu** **2630**
USA-ch Saint Louis (8) 19.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 C50: Hungarian

Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3N**

[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 h5 9.Nxg5 *(9.h4 Bg4 10.c3 Qd7 11.d4 exd4 12.e5 Ne4* Italian Game-3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 d6 Survey 2018*)* 9...h4 10.Nxf7 hxg3 11.Nxd8 Bg4 12.Qd2 Nd4 13.Nc3 Nf3+ 14.gxf3 Bxf3 0-1 Knorre-Chigorin,M San Petersburgo.PLG2 1874]

[6.Be3 Bb6 7.a4 0-0 8.h3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Bxb6 axb6 11.Re1 Nf4 12.Nc3 Qd6 13.Ne2 Ng6 14.Ng3 h6 15.Qd2 Kh8 16.h4 Bg4 17.Nh2 Be6 18.Bxe6 Qxe6 19.Nf3 Qd5 20.Nf5 Rad8 ½-½ Pichot,A (2647)-Vidit,S (2720) CrunchLab Masters PlayIn rapid 2024 (8)]

[6.h3 a6 7.a4 h6 8.c3 Ba7 9.Re1 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.Ng3 d5 14.Qe2 a5 15.Nh4 Ne7 16.Nhf5 dxe4 17.dxe4 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 Qd7 19.Qf3 Rd8 20.Bxh6 Nxe4 0-1 Admiraal,M (2441)-Bok,B (2607) II 128/62 Wijk aan Zee 2016]

6...0-0 7.Re1 Bb6 8.h3 Repels Ng4 Against Ng4 **8...h6 9.Nbd2 Ne7** White has an edge. **10.Bb3**

[10.d4 Nc6 11.a4 a5 12.Ra3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bxd4 15.Rd3 Be5 16.Nf3 Qe7 17.Nh4 Nd5 18.Qh5 Nf6 19.Ng6 Nxh5 20.Nxe7+ Kh7 21.g4 Nf4 22.Bxf4 Bxf4 23.Nd5 Be6 24.Nxf4 Bxc4 Aronian,L (2785)-Oparin,G (2674) 153/(126) Berlin 2022]

10...c6 11.d4 Ng6 12.Nc4!?N -0.12/23 Recently 12.Bc2 got a lot of attention. An interesting side line. 12.Lc2 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.

[⌓12.Bc2 0.30/22 Re8 13.Nf1 d5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Nxe4 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Qh5 Re6 B3) Italian – Old Main Line-Italian – Old Main Line 4.c]

[12.Nf1 Be6 *(12...Re8 13.Ng3 Qc7 14.Bc2 Be6 15.Be3 Rad8 16.a4 Qc8 17.Kh2 Bc7 18.Qc1 Kh7 19.a5 a6* Ibrahimova,S (2168)-Tarasova,V (2300) Beograd 119/(100) 2013*)* 13.Bc2 Re8 14.Ng3 Qd7 15.Be3 Rad8 16.a4 Bc7 17.a5 a6 18.Qc1 d5 19.Bxh6 exd4 20.e5 Ne4 21.Nh5 Bxh3 22.Bxe4 Qg4 23.Ng3 Nxe5 24.Nxe5 Rxe5 25.gxh3 Qxh3 26.Bf4 dxe4 16 Chapter Exercises-Games Chapter - Exercises 41-49 Game -]

12...Bc7= 13.dxe5 dxe5N

[13...Nxe5 14.Nfxe5 dxe5 15.Qf3 Qe7 16.Ne3 Bb6 17.Bd2 Be6 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.Qxf5 Rad8 ½-½ Vachier Lagrave,M (2763)-Carlsen,M (2855) Meltwater Tour Final rapid 2021 (3.6)]

14.Qxd8 Rxd8 15.a4 a5 16.Na3 Rb8 17.Bc4 Bd7 18.Bf1 Be6 19.Nc4 Ra8 20.g3 b5 21.Na3 bxa4 22.Nc4 Nd7 23.Be3 Inhibits Nc5. Dodges Nc5 **23...Bxc4 24.Bxc4 Bb6 25.Bc1**

[25.Rxa4? Bxe3 26.Rxe3 Nb6-+]

25...Nc5 26.h4 Threatens to win with h5. **26...Nd3** 0.62/24

[26...Bc7= -0.04/23]

27.Bxd3± Rxd3 28.Kg2 Strongly threatening h5! **28...Bc7 29.Nd2 Rb8 30.Nc4 Nf8** 1.11/28

[30...Ne7± 0.55/22]

31.Rxa4 Rb5 32.Be3 Ne6 33.Rea1 Rd8 1.25/24

[⌓33...g6 0.84/20]

34.h5

[34.Nxa5?! Rxb2 35.Nxc6 Rd3

36.Ne7+ Kh7±]

34...Rdb8 35.Kf3

[35.Nxa5 Rxa5 36.Rxa5 Bxa5 37.Rxa5 Rxb2±]

35...Kf8 36.R1a2 White is more active.

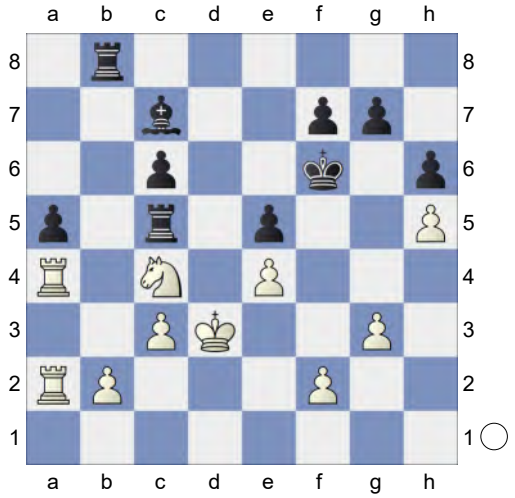
[36.Nxa5 Bxa5 37.Rxa5 Rxa5 38.Rxa5 Rxb2 39.Rxe5 Rc2±]

36...Ke7 37.Ke2 Nc5 38.Bxc5+ Rxc5 39.Kd3

[39.Nxa5?! Rxa5 40.Rxa5 Bxa5 41.Rxa5 Rxb2+ 42.Ke3 Kf6=]

39...Kf6 1.32/22

[⊼39...Ke6 0.90/23]



40.Kc2!±

[40.Nxa5?! Rxa5 41.Rxa5 Bxa5 42.Rxa5 Rxb2±]

40...Kg5 1.82/24

[40...Ra8± 1.24/21 keeps fighting.]

41.Nxa5+- b4 is the strong threat.

41...Bxa5 2.22/21

[41...Kxh5± 1.56/22 might work better. was worth a try. 42.Nc4 *(42.b4 Rxb4 43.Rxb4 Bxa5±)* 42...Kg5]

42.Rxa5+- Rxa5 43.Rxa5 Kxh5 44.Rxe5+± Endgame. KR-KR **44...Kg4 45.Rf5 f6 46.b4 Rd8 47.c4 h5 48.Kc3 Rd6 49.c5 Re6** 4.36/25

[49...Rd1 2.34/21 50.b5 cxb5]

50.Kd4 2.04/22

[⊼50.Rf4+ 4.36/25 Kh3 *(50...Kg5 51.b5)* 51.b5]

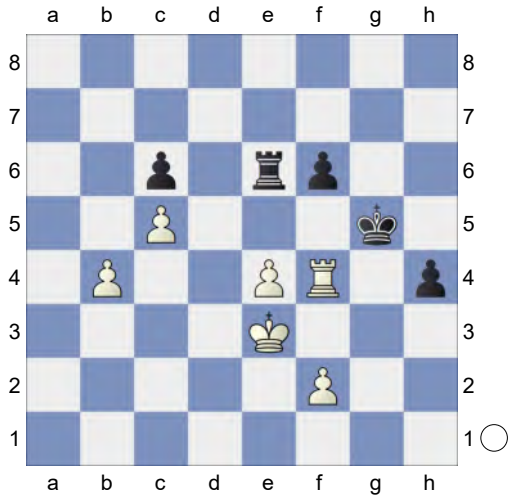
50...g5? 5.06/25

[50...Re8 2.04/22 is tougher. 51.b5 cxb5]

51.Ke3+- h4 52.gxh4 gxh4 53.Rf4+? 1.97/23

[⊼53.f3+ 5.07/25 Kg3 54.Rf4]

53...Kg5



54.Kf3? 0.03/32

[54.f3!+- 3.24/30 Black must now prevent Rg4+. Re8 55.Rg4+ Kh5 56.Kf4]

54...Re8= 55.Rg4+ Kh5 56.Rg7 Hoping for Kf4. **56...h3 57.Rg3 h2 58.Rh3+ Kg6! 59.Rxh2**

[59.Ke3!?]

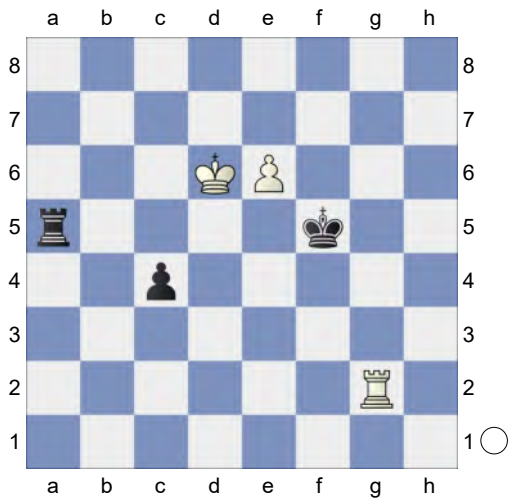
59...Rb8 60.Kg4 aiming for f4. Strongly threatening f4. **60...Rxb4 61.f3 f5+ 62.Kf4 Rc4 63.Ke5 fxe4 64.fxe4 Rxc5+ 65.Kd6 Ra5 66.e5 c5 67.e6 c4 68.Rg2+**

[68.Re2!?= Ra6+□ 69.Kd5=]

68...Kf5? #28/20

[68...Kf6= 0.00/21]

(Diagram)



Loses the game. **69.e7 Ra6+ 70.Kd5 Ra5+ 71.Kd4!**

[Weaker is Inferior is 71.Kxc4 Re5=]

71...Ra8 72.Rf2+

[Worse is Stronger than 72.Kxc4 Kf6= *(72...Ke6=)*]

72...Ke6 73.Rf8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.23 (precise) Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.23 (precise)

[Stronger than Worse is 73.Kxc4 Rc8+ *(73...Kxe7 74.Kb3 Rh8=)* 74.Kd3 Kxe7=]

1-0

291 **C54**

□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2732**

■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2744**

Zagreb SuperUnited Rapid (9) 07.07.23

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 a6 7.a4!** is now more promising than 7. Bb3. im Vergleich zu 7.Lb3 vielversprechender. **7...Ba7 8.Re1 0-0 9.h3 h6**

[9...b5 10.Bb3 b4 11.a5 Rb8 12.Nbd2 Be6 13.Bc2 h6 14.Nf1 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Bd2 b3 17.Bb1 Qd6 18.Qe2 Rbe8 19.Ra3 f5 20.Nxe5 Bd7 21.d4 Nxd4 22.cxd4 Bxd4 23.Rxb3 Rxe5 24.Qc4 ½-½ Vachier Lagrave,M (2791)-Aronian,L (2809) 5th Sinquefield Cup 2017 (5.1)]

10.Nbd2 Be6N

[10...Ne7 11.d4 Ng6 12.Bf1 c6 13.Qc2 Qc7 14.a5 Re8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Rad8 19.Ree1 Rd7 20.Ne3 Rdd8 21.Rab1 Nf4 22.b4 Bc8 23.Rb2 Ne6 24.Nd2 Ng5 25.h4 ½-½ Stoll,J (2092)-Sokolow,J (2388) World Championship Match, 10th Game 31 (2)]

[10...Nh5 11.Nf1 Qf6 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Nxe3 Nf4 14.Kh2 Be6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Rf1 g5 17.Ng1 Rae8 18.b4 Ne7 19.b5 a5 20.b6 cxb6 21.Rb1 Nc8 22.Nc4 Qd8 23.g3 Ng6 24.Qb3 Qc7 25.Kg2 1-0 Donchenko,A (2676)-Heimann,A (2552) EU-Cup 38th Durres 2023 (5.1)]

[10...Re8 11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bb3 Qd7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 d5 15.Qc2 dxe4 16.Bxe6 Qxe6 17.dxe4 Rad8 18.Rad1 Ne7 19.Rd3 Ng6 20.c4 Rxd3 21.Qxd3 Nf4 22.Qb3 Nxe4 23.Nd5 Nc5 24.Qa3 Ncd3 25.Nxf4 ½-½ 6.e3 0-0 7. ♗d2 a6 (1939)-Kasapchuk,A (2053) 65/353 Groningen 1995 (5.16)]

11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Ne7

[12...Nh5 13.Ra2 Nf4 14.Nf1 Qf6]

13.Nf1 Ng6 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 b5N 0.48/20

[Predecessor: 15...a5 16.Qb3 Qe7 17.d4 axb4 0.61/21 *(17...exd4= -0.11/20 18.Nxd4 Nf4)* 18.Qxb4 -0.01/20 *(18.dxe5± 0.61/21 Nxe5*

19.Nxe5 dxe5 20.cxb4) 18...exd4= 19.cxd4 b6 20.Ng3 Ra5 21.Qc4 Nf4 1-0 Karjakin,S (2752)-Kovalev,V (2648) Titled Tuesday intern op 6th June fin blitz 2020 (1.1)]

[15...Qe8= 0.08/21]

16.g3 Qd7 17.N1d2 a5 18.bxa5 Rxa5 19.axb5 Rxa1 20.Qxa1 Qxb5 21.Qa2 Re8 22.d4 Kh8 23.c4 Qc6 24.dxe5 dxe5 25.Kg2 Rd8 26.Qa1 Kh7 27.Qe1 Ra8 28.Rb3 Ra2 29.Qe3 Qa8 30.Rb5 Qd8 31.Qc3 Qa8 32.Qe3 -0.01/24

[32.Qd3± 0.40/24]

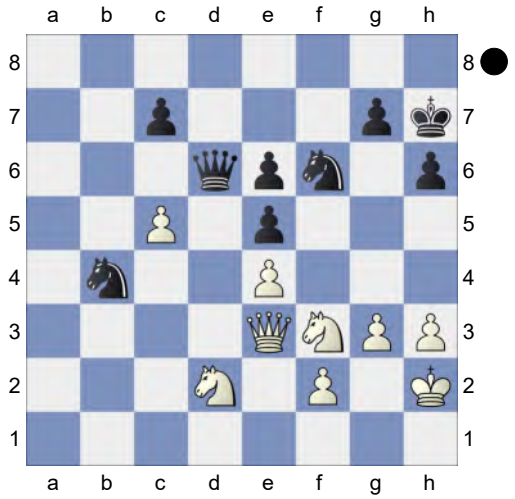
32...Qd8= 33.Rb7 Qd6 34.Ra7 Nf4+ 1.20/27 **35.Kh2** -0.01/22

[35.gxf4± 1.20/27 exf4 36.Qb3 Rxa7 37.e5]

35...Rxa7 36.Qxa7

[36.gxf4 is interesting. Ra3 37.fxe5 Qf8 38.Qf4]

36...Nd3 37.Qe3 Nb4 38.c5

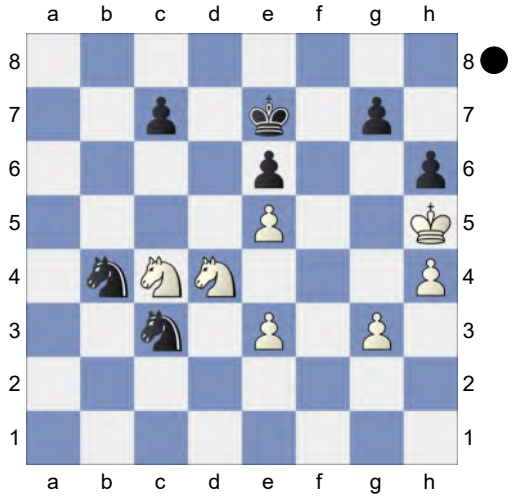


Deflection **38...Qd3 39.Nxe5 Qxe3 40.fxe3** Endgame KNN-KNN. White is a pawn up. **40...Kg8** 0.38/31

[40...Na6= 0.01/28 is superior.]

41.Kg2± Kf8 42.Kf3 Ke7 43.Nb3 Nd7 The position is equal. **44.Nc4 Nd3 45.e5 N7xc5 46.Nd4 Nb4 47.h4 Nd7 48.Ke4 Nc5+ 49.Kf3 Na4 50.Kg4 Nc3**

51.Kh5



and Kg6 would now be decisive **51...Kf7 52.g4 Nd3 53.g5 hxg5 54.Kxg5 Nd5 55.Nc6 Nb6 56.Na3 Nd7 57.Nb5 N3xe5 58.Nxe5+ Nxe5 59.Nxc7=** KN-KN **59...Nf3+ 60.Kg4 Ne5+ 61.Kg5 Nf3+ 62.Kg4 Ne5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless) **63.Kg5**

½-½

292 **C54**

□ **Vachier-Lagrave,Maxime** **2732**

■ **Demin,V1.** **2430**

Titled Tue 6. Feb Early (1) 06.02.2024

[Mon Hokmome]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4** Kitty Kat **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 a6 6.0-0 d6 7.Bg5** 7.Re1 is the recent fashion. 7.Te1 ist aktuell in Mode. **7...h6 8.Bh4 Ba7**

[8...Qe7 9.Nbd2 Ba7 10.a4 g5 11.Bg3 Rg8 12.b4 h5 13.h4 Bg4 14.Qe1 gxh4 15.Bxh4 Qd7 16.Kh1 Rg6 17.Nh2 Bh3 18.Rg1 Be6 19.a5 Ng4 20.b5 Ne7 21.Bxe6 Rxe6 22.bxa6 bxa6 23.Rf1 6.♘a3 cd4 7.

cd4 ♗d7 (2702)- ♘d7 10.d4 (2747) New York 2023 Inf55 [John Watson] 0-1 (32)]

9.d4N -0.37/21

[9.b4= 0.11/21 is more appropriate.]

[9.Nbd2 g5 10.Bg3 0-0 11.a4 g4 12.Bh4 Kg7 13.Kh1 gxf3 14.Qxf3 Nb8 15.g4 Nbd7 16.Rg1 Rh8 17.Nf1 Qe8 18.g5 Ng8 19.gxh6+ Kf8 20.Qg3 Ngf6 21.Qg7+ Ke7 22.Rg6 Rg8 23.Bxf6+ Nxf6 Hemmer,A-Van Hofwegen The Hague (Netherlands) 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson] 24.Qxf6+ Kd7 25.Bxf7 8 Chapter 9-Game 8 Game]

[RR 9.a4 g5 10.Bg3 Nh7 11.d4

A) RR 11...h5 12.h4 *(RR 12.dxe5 h4)* 12...g4;

B) 11...Qe7 12.Bd5 f6 13.Nbd2 *(RR 13.b4)* 13...h5 14.dxe5 *(RR 14.h4)* 14...dxe5 *(RR 14...fxe5 15.Nc4 h4 16.Nxh4 gxh4 17.Qh5+ Kf8 18.Bxh4 Qg7 19.Qf3+ Ke8 20.Qh5+ Kf8 21.Qf3+ Ke8 22.Qh5+ Kf8)* 15.Nc4 *(RR 15.h4)*

B1) RR 15...h4 16.Bxc6+ bxc6 17.Nfxe5 fxe5 *(RR 17...hxg3 18.Qh5+ Kf8 19.Ng6+ Kf7 20.Nxe7+)* 18.Qh5+ Qf7 19.Qxf7+ Kxf7 20.Bxe5 Nf6;

B2) 15...Nf8 16.h4 g4 17.Ne1 Qh7 *(RR 17...Nd8)* 18.Ne3 *(RR 18.Bxc6+ bxc6 19.Qe2)* 18...Ne7 19.Nd3 c6 *(RR 19...Nxd5 20.Nxd5 Qg7)* 20.Ba2 *(RR 20.Bc4)* 20...Ne6 *(RR 20...Neg6)* 21.Nc4 Ng8 *(RR 21...Ng6 22.Nd6+ Ke7)* 22.Nd6+ Ke7 23.Nxe5 fxe5 Niemann,H (2733)-Nakamura,H (2802) Paris 2024 Mega2024 Update 45 [Kitty Kat] 1-0]

9...g5∓ 10.dxe5 Nxe4N

[Vorgänger: 10...gxh4 11.exf6 Qxf6 12.h3? -2.18/25 *(12.Nbd2∓ -0.46/22)* 12...Rg8-+ ...Bc8xh3 is the strong threat. 13.Kh1 -2.41/24 *(⌓13.Kh2* -1.83/24 *)* 13...Bd7? -0.57/22 *(13...Qg6-+ -2.41/24 14.Ne1 Bxh3 15.gxh3 Qxe4+ 16.Nf3 Qxc4)* 14.Nbd2 0-0-0 15.Qe2 Rg7 16.a4 Rdg8 0-1 Repkova,E (2329)-Lehner,O (2407) AUT-chT 1617 2016 (10.6)]

[10...dxe5 11.Qxd8+ Kxd8 12.Bg3=]

11.Re1 Bf5 12.exd6 Strongly threatening Qd1-d5. **12...0-0** 0.11/24

[12...Qxd6 13.Qxd6 cxd6 14.Bd5!± *(14.Nbd2 0-0-0=)*]

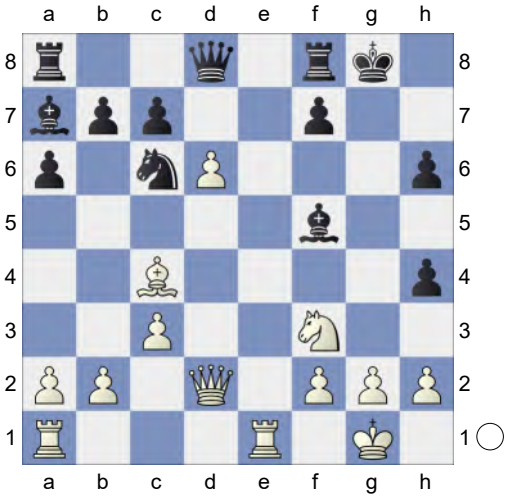
[12...gxh4∓ -0.47/24 13.Qd5 Qf6 14.Rxe4+ Bxe4 15.Qxe4+ Kd8]

13.Nbd2= Nxd2 0.71/23

[13...Nxd6= -0.01/24 remains equal. 14.Bg3 Re8]

14.Qxd2± gxh4 1.38/23

[⌓14...Qxd6 0.71/22 15.Qxd6 cxd6]



15.Qf4! &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed.

15...Bh7 2.04/24

[15...Bc2± 1.45/23 might work better.]

16.dxc7+- Qc8 17.Rad1
[Weaker is 17.Qxh4 Kg7±]
[17.Nxh4 Bb6+-]
17...Qf5 18.Qxh6 Really sharp!
18...Bb6? 18.93/25
[18...Bxf2+ 2.07/22 19.Kxf2 Qc5+ 20.Re3 Qxc4 21.Nxh4 *(21.Qxh4 Qxh4+ 22.Nxh4 Rfe8∓)* 21...Rae8 22.Rxe8 Rxe8 23.Qg5+ Bg6]
19.Rd5 Qc2 20.Rg5+ Kh8 21.Qf6#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.72
1-0

293 **C54**
□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2732**
■ **Zou,Chen** **2449**
Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Feb Early ..
[Mon Hokmome]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 %evp 0,67,22,22,29,12,12,16,16,17,17,17,17,22,22,-17,2,10,-4,-6,25,26,24,25, 25,-10,3,-23,-5,-12,7,-13,4,-2,24,-70,28,-7,11,-16,39,9,41,46,46,44,86,87,164, 160,195,197,256,235,329,343,391,346,436,470,504,397,407,448,448,448,511,427, 478,398 **1.e4** John Watson Kitty Kat Kitty Kat **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 h6** Recently 6...a5 got a lot of attention. 6...a5 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. **7.Nbd2 a6 8.a4 Ba7 9.Re1 0-0** The position is equal. **10.h3 Ne7**
[RR 10...Qe7 11.b4 Be6 12.Rb1 Qd7 13.b5 Ne7 14.d4 Bxc4 15.Nxc4 exd4 16.cxd4 axb5 17.Rxb5 c6 18.Rb3 *(RR 18.Rb1)* 18...d5 19.Nfe5 Qd8 *(RR 19...Qc7 20.exd5 cxd5)* 20.exd5 cxd5 21.Ne3 Qc8 22.Ba3 *(RR 22.N5g4 Nxg4 23.hxg4 Re8 24.Rb5)* 22...Re8 23.Qd3 *(RR 23.Bxe7 Rxe7 24.Qa1)* 23...Nc6 24.Rc1 Qe6 25.Rxb7 Dominguez Perez,L (2741)-So,W (2751) Saint Louis USA 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (43)]
[RR 10...Re8 11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.Ng3 d5 14.Qe2 a5 15.Nh4 Ne7 16.Nhf5 dxe4 17.dxe4 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 Qd7 19.Qf3 Rd8 20.Bxh6 Nxe4 21.Rxe4 gxh6 22.Qg4+ Rg6 23.Nxh6+ Kf8 24.Qxd7 Rxd7 25.Nf5]
[RR 10...Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Ne7 13.Nf1 Ng6 14.N1h2 Rf7 15.g3 d5 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Qd6 18.Qb3 a5 19.bxa5 Nd7 20.d4 Raf8 21.Rd1 dxe4 22.Nxe5 Ndxe5 23.dxe5 Qc6 24.Qb5 Qxb5 25.axb5]
[RR 10...Nh5 11.Nf1 Qf6 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Nxe3 Nf4 14.Kh2 Be6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Rf1 g5 17.Ng1 Rae8 18.b4 Ne7 19.b5 a5 20.b6 cxb6 21.Rb1 Nc8 22.Nc4 Qd8 23.g3 Ng6 24.Qb3 Qc7 25.Kg2]
11.d4
[RR 11.Bb3 Ng6 12.d4 Re8 13.Bc2 c6 14.Nf1 Qc7 15.Ng3 Be6 *(RR 15...c5)* 16.Be3 Rad8 17.Qc1 Bb8 18.a5
A) RR 18...Qd7 19.dxe5 *(RR 19.Ra4)* 19...dxe5 20.Bb6 Bc7 21.Qe3 Nf4 22.Rad1 Qc8 23.Bxc7 Qxc7 24.b4 *(RR 24.Qc5)* 24...g6 *(RR 24...Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Rc8)* 25.Nf1 *(RR 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Rb1)* 25...Kg7 26.N1d2 *(RR 26.Qc5)* 26...c5 *(RR 26...Bxh3 27.gxh3 Nxh3+ 28.Kg2 Nf4+ 29.Kg1 Ng4)* 27.Qxc5 Qxc5 28.bxc5 Nd7 29.c6;

B) 18...Rd7 19.Ra4 *(RR 19.Bxh6 gxh6 20.Qxh6)* 19...d5 *(RR 19...Qd8)* 20.dxe5 Nxe4 21.Bb6 Qc8 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.Raxe4 Bf5 24.R4e3 Bxc2 25.Qxc2]

[RR 11.Bb3 Ng6 12.d4 Re8 13.Bc2 c6 14.Nf1 Qc7 15.Ng3 Be6 16.Be3 Rad8 17.Qc1 Bb8 18.a5 Rd7 19.Ra4 d5 20.dxe5 Nxe4 21.Bb6 Qc8 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.Raxe4 Bf5 24.R4e3 Bxc2 25.Qxc2 Rde7 Santos Latasa,J (2624)-Pranesh,M (2598) Timisoara 2024 Mega2024 Update 40 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (71)]

11...Ng6 12.Nf1N -0.39/21

[12.b4= 0.14/17]

[12.Bb3 Re8 13.Bc2 c5 *(13...Bd7 14.a5 c6 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nc4 Qe7 17.Qd6 Qxd6 18.Nxd6 Re6 19.Rd1 Rb8 20.Kf1 Re7 21.Nc4 Rbe8 22.b3 Be6 23.Nb6 Bxb6 24.axb6 Rd7 25.Be3 Rc8 26.c4 Rxd1+ 27.Rxd1 c5 28.Ne1* 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗c4 (2791)-Sudgen,J (2810) ICCF email 2017 Inf 43 [Pierce book p30-31] 1-0 (43) *)* 14.Nf1 cxd4 15.cxd4 Be6 16.d5 Bd7 17.Ne3 Rc8 18.Bd2 Nf4 19.Rc1 Qb6 20.b3 Rc7 21.Rf1 Rec8 22.Nc4 Rxc4 23.bxc4 Rxc4 24.Be3 Rc5 25.Rb1 Qc7 26.Bxc5 Bxc5 8.♗g5 h6 9.♗h4_64683 (2292)-Gunnarsson,G (2021) Elista 2023 CT-2879 [John Watson] 0-1 (42)]

[12.Bf1 Re8 13.a5 Bd7 14.b4 Bc6 15.d5 Bd7 16.c4 Nf4 17.c5 g5 18.Nc4 Qe7 19.Be3 Bb5 20.Rc1 Nxe4 21.cxd6 Nxd6 22.Bxf4 gxf4 23.Ncxe5 Kramnik,V (2808)-Radjabov,T (2722) Baku 2016 130 Games Section [Sokolov,Ivan] Bxf1 24.Kxf1 Nb5 25.Qd2 Qf6 26.Re4 Qg7 27.Rxf4 Rxe5 28.Rg4 Rh5 29.Rxg7+ Kxg7 30.g4 Rxh3 31.Kg2 Rxf3 32.Kxf3 Rd8 33.g5 Rd6 34.gxh6+ Reference Games-Kramnik,V (34)]

[RR 12.Bf1 c6 13.Qc2 Qc7 14.a5 Re8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Rad8 19.Ree1 Rd7 *(RR 19...Nh7 20.Ne3 Nf4 21.b4 Ng5 22.Nxg5 hxg5 23.Rad1 Re7 24.Rxd8+ Qxd8 25.Rd1 Rd7 26.Rxd7 Qxd7;* RR *19...Nh7 20.Ne3 Nf4 21.b4 Ng5 22.Nxg5 hxg5 23.Rad1 Re7 24.Rxd8+ Qxd8 25.Rd1 Rd7 26.Rxd7 Qxd7)* 20.Ne3 Rdd8 21.Rab1 Nf4 22.b4 Bc8 23.Rb2 Ne6 24.Nd2 Ng5 25.h4 Ne6 26.g3 Qe7 Maldonado Gonzales,S (2092)-Nielsen,V (2388) Bassano del Grappa 2023 ½-½ (88)]

[RR 12.Bf1 c6 13.Qc2 Qc7 14.a5 Re8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Rad8 19.Ree1 Rd7 20.Ne3 Rdd8 21.Rab1 Nf4 22.b4 Bc8 23.Rb2 Ne6 24.Nd2 Ng5 25.h4 Ne6 26.g3 Qe7]

[RR 12.Bf1 c6 13.Qc2 Qc7 14.a5 Re8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Rad8 19.Ree1 Rd7 20.Ne3 Rdd8 21.Rab1 Nf4 22.b4 Bc8 23.Rb2 Ne6 24.Nd2 Ng5 25.h4 Ne6 26.g3 Qe7]

[RR 12.Bf1 c6 13.Qc2 Qc7 14.a5 Re8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Rad8 19.Ree1 Rd7 20.Ne3 Rdd8 21.Rab1 Nf4 22.b4 Bc8 23.Rb2 Ne6 24.Nd2 Ng5 25.h4 Ne6 26.g3 Qe7 Stoll,J (2092)-Sokolow,J (2388) Moscow 2023 03 d5 and e6: model game [John Watson] ½-½ (88)]

12...Re8 0.44/21

[12...exd4!∓ -0.39/21 13.cxd4 Nxe4!]

13.Ng3 0.06/21

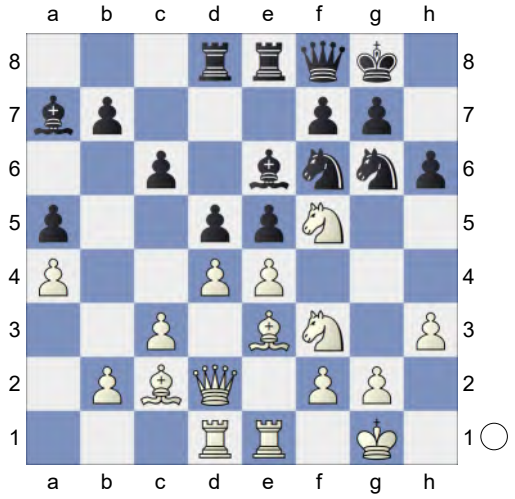
[13.Qb3± 0.44/21 Qd7 14.Ng3]

13...Be6 14.Bd3 c6 15.Be3 a5 16.Qd2N

[Vorgänger: 16.Nh2 d5 17.dxe5! Nxe5 With the idea ...d5xe4. 18.Bxa7 Rxa7 19.Bf1 Ng6 20.e5 Nd7 21.f4 -1.10/20 *(21.Nf3=* 0.14/24 keeps the balance.*)* 21...Nxf4∓ 22.Qd4 0-1 Nilsen,T (2207)-Weetik,V (2423) Titled Tuesday intern op 19th Dec Early blitz 2023 (3)]

16...Qe7 17.Nf5 Qf8 18.Bc2 Rad8 19.Rad1 d5 0.94/24

[19...Bxf5= 0.28/21 20.exf5 Ne7]



20.exd5 0.38/23 &Bianco is more active.

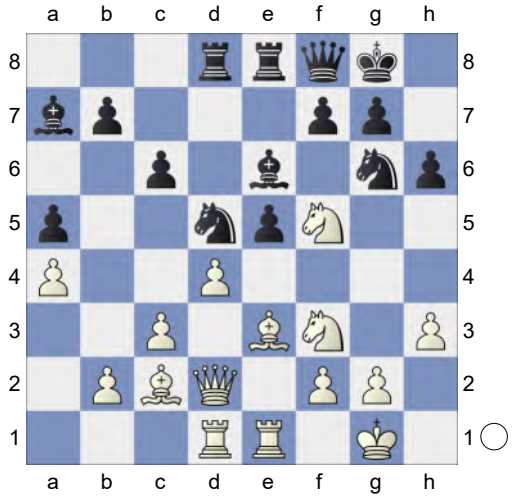
[20.Nxe5?! Nxe4 21.Bxe4 dxe4 22.Nxh6+ *(22.Nxg6 fxg6 23.Ng3 Bb3∓)* 22...gxh6 23.Bxh6 Qd6=]

[20.Nxh6+!± 0.94/24 gxh6 21.Bxh6]

20...Nxd5? 2.28/25

[20...Bxf5± 0.38/23 21.Bxf5 exd4 22.Bxd4 *(22.Nxd4 Nxd5 23.Qc2 Nxe3=)* 22...Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Bxd4 24.Nxd4 Ne7]

(Diagram)



This costs Black the game. **21.Nxh6+! gxh6**

[21...Kh7 22.Ng4]

22.Bxh6 Qe7 23.Bg5

[23.Nxe5 Nxe5 24.Rxe5 f6±]

23...f6? 3.65/22

[23...Nf6? 24.Nxe5 Nxe5 25.Rxe5+-]

[23...Qc7 1.87/23 24.Bxd8 *(24.dxe5 Rd7=; 24.Nxe5 Nxe5 25.Bxd8 Nf3+ 26.gxf3 Qxd8±)* 24...Qxd8 25.Bxg6 *(25.dxe5 Qe7±; 25.Nxe5 Nxe5 26.Rxe5 Qf6±; 25.Qh6 Qf6+-)* 25...fxg6]

24.Bxg6+- fxg5 25.Bxe8

[Weaker is 25.Qxg5 Qxg5 26.Nxg5 Re7±]

[25.Rxe5 Bb8±]

[But not 25.Nxg5 Nf4 26.Rxe5 Bb8+-]

[Stronger than 25.Nxe5 Rf8=]

25...Rxe8 26.Rxe5 g4 7.50/23

[26...Qf6 3.38/23 27.Rxg5+ Kh8]

27.Ng5 White is clearly winning. **27...Qf6 28.Rde1 Nc7 29.hxg4 Re7 30.Qe2**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.44

1-0

294 **C54**
□ **Alamzhi** **2732**
■ **Ex-retired** **2577**
Blitz 25.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4**

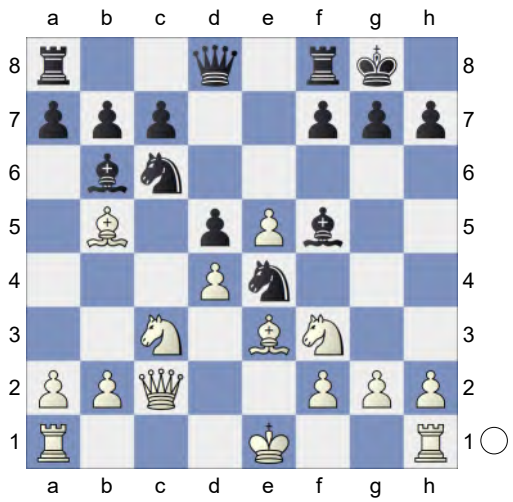
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]

5...exd4 6.e5N

[6.0-0 dxc3 7.Nxc3 0-0 8.Bg5 d6 9.Re1 Re8 10.h3 h6 11.Bh4 a6 12.Nd5 Re6 13.Nxc7 Qxc7 14.Bxe6 Bxe6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qd2 Bb4 17.Qxh6 Bxe1 18.Rxe1 Qe7 19.Qh4 Nb4 20.e5 Nc2 1-0 4.♘g5 ♗c5 / 4...d5 5.ed5-Mecking 31/643 London 1980 (11) 21.Re2 Rc8 22.exf6 Qf8 23.Qg5+ Kh8 24.Qh5+ Kg8 25.Ng5 Bf5 26.Nxf7 Bh7 27.Qg5+ Kxf7 28.Re7+ Qxe7 29.fxe7 Nd4 30.Qd5+ Ne6 31.Qxb7 Rc1+ 32.Kh2 Bg6 33.Qd7 Kf6 34.Qxd6 a5 35.f4 Bh5 1-0 4.♘g5 ♗c5 / 4...d5 5.ed5 d-Mecking 31/643 London 1980 (11) 36.f5 Kxf5 37.g4+ Kg5 38.gxh5 Rc2+ 39.Kg1 Rc1+ 40.Kf2 Rc2+ 41.Ke3 Rc1 42.Qd2 Rc8 43.Qd7 Rc1 44.e8Q Re1+ 45.Kd2 Nc5 46.Qg6+ Kf4 47.Qdf5# 1-0 Snijders, P-Wigboldus,D Hengelo U12 op 2002 (11)]

6...d5 7.Bb5 Ne4 8.cxd4 Bb6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Be3 Bg4 11.Qc2 Bf5

(Diagram)



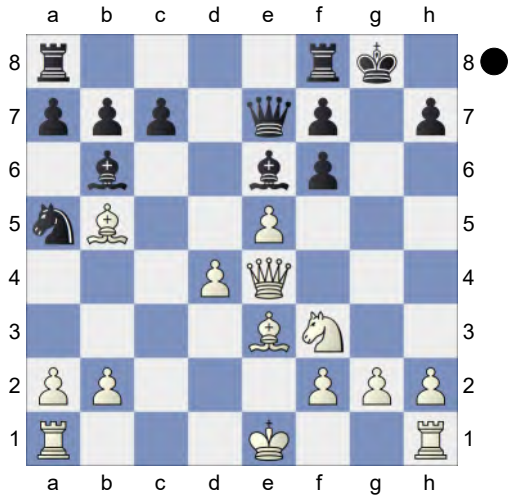
White must now prevent ...Nxc3. **12.Qb3** The position is equal. **12...Na5 13.Qxd5** -1.12/24

[13.Qa4= -0.15/20 keeps the balance.]

13...Qe7∓ 14.Nxe4 -1.75/23

[14.e6∓ -0.93/21 fxe6 *(14...Bxe6? 15.Qxe4 Qf6 16.Bd3+-)* 15.Qe5]

14...Be6↑ White is under strong pressure. **15.Nf6+ gxf6 16.Qe4**



Threatens to win with 0-0. **16...Qb4+ 17.Nd2** -2.85/20

[17.Bd2∓ -1.56/20 only move. Qxb5 18.Bc3]

17...Qxb5 18.exf6 -4.33/19

[⊼18.Qh4 -2.71/19 Qd3 *(18...fxe5 19.Qg5+ Kh8 20.Qf6+ Kg8 21.Bh6)*

19.Rc1]

18...Qf5

[Less strong is 18...Qxb2 19.Rb1 Qxa2 20.Rb5∓]

19.Qh4 Qg4 20.Qh6 Intending Bg5 and mate. **20...Qg6**

[20...Qxg2? 21.Nf3 Kh8 *(21...Qxh1+? loses. 22.Ke2+-)* 22.Rg1+-]

21.Qh4 Nc4 Black is clearly winning. **22.0-0 Nxd2 23.Bxd2 Rfd8 24.Be3 Rd5 25.Rac1 Rh5 26.Qf4 Rf5 27.Qh4 Qxf6 28.Qe4 Bd5 29.Qg4+ Qg6 30.Qxg6+ fxg6 31.f3 Re8 32.Bf2 Re2 33.a3 Rxb2 34.Rfe1 Rf7 35.Re8+ Kg7 36.Rce1 c6 37.h4 h5 38.Kh2** White got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/ Black=0.23 (precise) **38...Rxf2**

0-1

295 **C54**

□ **Aronian,Levon** **2729**

■ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2720**

Bundesliga 2425 (7.3) 01.02.2025

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 CWN 18/1/1908 Played in a "FLS" corr. tourney; Peterson (Cork) v Kershaw (Luton) **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.h3 d6**

[5...0-0 6.Nc3 Na5 7.a3 Nxc4 8.dxc4 d6 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Qd3 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Nxg5 hxg5 13.Bxg5 Kg7 14.f4 exf4 15.Ne2 c6 16.b4 Be3 17.Rf1 Kg6 18.h4 Bxc4 19.Qxc4 d5 20.Qb3 1-0 Firouzja,A (2778)-Aronian,L (2759) Saint Louis 154/106 2022]

6.c3N

[6.Nc3 Ne7 *(6...a6 7.a3 Ba7 8.Be3 h6 9.d4 0-0 10.0-0 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Re8 14.f4 b5 15.Ba2 Bb7 16.Rae1 c5 17.Qd3 Qb6 18.Kh2 c4 19.Qf3 Qd4 20.Rd1 Qc5 21.Rfe1* 1-0 Dardha,D (2609)-Yurasova,D (2048) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early blitz 2022 (2) *Rad8 22.b4 cxb3 23.Bxb3 Qxa3 24.Nxb5 Qc5 25.Nc3 Rc8 26.Rd3 a5 27.Rde3 Qb4 28.Rb1 Qc5 29.Bxf7+ Kxf7 30.Rxb7+ Kg8 31.Rb5 Qc7 32.Nd5 Nxd5 33.Rxd5 Qxc2 34.Rxa5 Ra8 35.Rd5 Qc1 36.Rxd6* 1-0 Dardha,D (2606)-Ismayil,M (2002) Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Dec Late blitz 2022 (1) *)* 7.Be3 Bb6 8.a3 h6 9.Qd2 Be6 10.Qe2 c6 11.Bb3 Bxb3 12.cxb3 Ng6 13.g3 0-0 14.Rd1 Qe7 15.b4 Qe6 16.d4 d5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Qxe5 19.Bxb6 axb6 20.f4 Qe7 1-0 Peterson,N-Kershaw,W Four-Leaved Shamrock tourney 1907]

6...h6

[6...a6 7.a4 Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Bb3 Ne7 10.Nf1 Ng6 11.Ng3 h6 12.0-0 Re8 13.Re1 Be6 14.d4 Bxb3 15.Qxb3 ½-½ Aronian,L (2730)-Vidit,S (2722) Chess.com Classic Div 2 W rapid 2024 (1.1)]

7.Nbd2

[7.b4!? Bb6□ 8.Bb3=]

7...Bb6 7...a6 is becoming the main line. 7...a6 wird zur Hauptvariante. **8.Nf1 a6N**

[8...Qe7 9.Ng3 Be6 10.Bb3 0-0-0 11.Be3 -0.44/22 *(11.Ba4=* -0.01/18 deserves consideration.*)* 11...d5∓ And now ...dxe4 would win. 12.Qe2 Bxe3 13.Qxe3 d4 14.Qe2 -0.48/20 *(14.Qd2=* 0.01/22 *)* 14...g5 0.42/22 ;1-0 Vokhidov,S (2616)-Kuybokarov,T (2330) Lindores Abbey Blitz Tal

Memorial 2021 (12.36) *(* Black should play *14...Qd6∓* -0.48/20 *15.Bxe6+ fxe6)*]

9.Ng3 Na5 10.Bd5 0-0

[10...c6!? 11.Bxf7+ Kxf7∓]

11.b4 Nc6 12.Bb3 Re8 13.0-0 Be6 14.Bxe6 Rxe6 15.a4 d5 16.Qb3 Qd7 The position is equal. **17.Ra2 dxe4 18.dxe4 Rd6 19.Re1 Rd8 20.a5 Ba7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless) **21.Be3 ½-½**

296 **C53**
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2729**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2832**
Julius Baer Gen Cup D1 W (2.4) 28.9.24
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 h6N**

[5...d6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 a5 8.Nbd2 Ba7 9.a4 Qe7 10.0-0 g5 11.Bg3 Nd7 *(11...h5 12.h4 g4 13.Ne1 0-0 14.Nc2 Kg7 15.Re1 Ng8 16.Nf1 f5 17.exf5 Nh6 18.Nfe3 Nxf5 19.Nxf5+ Bxf5 20.d4 Bxc2 21.Qxc2 Qf6 22.Re4 exd4 23.Rae1 dxc3 24.bxc3 Qf5 25.Bd3 Qd5 26.Re6* 1-0 Wei Yi (2755)-Navara,D (2677) 7th Prague Masters 2025 (4)*)* 12.Bb5 h5 13.h4 g4 14.Ne1 Nf8 15.Nc4 Ng6 16.d4 0-0 17.dxe5 Ncxe5 18.Qd2 Nxh4 19.Nxe5 dxe5 20.Qh6 ½-½ Zhu,J (2514)-Goryachkina,A (2548) Nikosia WGP 2025 (5.3)]

[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003]

6.h3 d6! 6...d6 is better than 6...0-0. 6...d6 ist besser als 6…0-0. **7.Nbd2 a6 8.a4 Ba7 9.Bb3** -0.04/18 White has an edge.

[9.Nf1± 0.34/20]

9...Ne7 10.Nf1 Ng6 11.Ng3 0-0 12.0-0 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Re1 c6 15.d4

[15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Rxe5 Bxf2+ 17.Kxf2 Qf6+ 18.Qf3 Qxe5∓]

15...exd4 16.Nxd4 Re8N

[Vorgänger: 16...Qf6 0.64/21 16…Re8 0.24 17.Bxd5 cxd5 18.Be3 Ne5 1.48/18 *(18...Bb8±* 0.41/19 *)* 19.b3 0.37/20 *(19.Nc2±* 1.48/18 Black must now prevent Bxa7. *Nc6 20.Bxa7 Rxa7 21.Nh5)* 19...Bd7 1.20/18 *(19...Ng6±* 0.37/20 *)* 20.Qh5 0.24/23 *(20.Nc2±* 1.20/18 Bxa7 is the strong threat. *Nc6 21.Bxa7 Rxa7 22.Nh5)* 20...Rfe8= 21.Nc2 Nd3 22.Bxa7!

A) 22...Rxe1+!= 0.25/17 and Black has nothing to worry. and Black is okay. 23.Nxe1 Qxc3 *(23...Nf4)*;

B) 22...Rxa7? 3.67/21 23.Rxe8++- Bxe8 1-0 Nestorovic,N (2470)-Vokhidov,S (2512) Titled Tuesday intern op 7th April blitz 2020 (2)]

[16...Be6 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Rxe6 Rxf2 19.Kh1 Nh4 20.Qg4 Rxg2 21.Rxh6 Rg1+ 22.Kh2 Rg2+ 23.Kh1

Rg1+ 24.Kh2 Rg2+ ½-½ 5.♕b3 c5 6. a3 (2544)-16. ♘a4 ♕b5 17.a3 ♘b8 (2630) Neiva Ascun Nodo op 2023]

17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Bxd5 cxd5 19.Be3 Bd7 20.Qb3 Bc6 21.Ngf5 A dynamic duo of knights. Excellent horsemanship.

21...Qd7 22.Qc2 Re8 23.Nf3? -2.13/23

[23.Nxc6= 0.09/20 bxc6 24.Bxa7 Qxa7 25.Rd1]

[23.b4= 0.06/25 and White has nothing to worry. Qc7 24.Nxc6 Bxe3 25.Nxe3 bxc6 26.Re1]

23...Bxe3? 0.00/23

[Black should try Black should play 23...d4!-+ -2.13/23 24.N3xd4 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Be4 26.Nxh6+ gxh6? *(26...Kh7)* 27.Qd2-+]

24.Nxe3= Nf4 25.Nd4 Re4 26.Qd1

[26.Nef5!?]

26...Qe7 27.Qf3 Bd7 28.Kh1 Qe5 29.b3 -0.38/21

[29.a5= 0.00/23]

29...Nd3 0.00/22

[29...Ne6∓ -0.38/21 feels stronger. 30.Nec2 Ng5 *(30...Nxd4 31.Nxd4 Qb8)*]

30.Ng4 -0.75/20

[30.Nec2= 0.00/22 remains equal. Nf4 31.Qg3]

[30.Rf1= 0.00/25]

30...Re1+∓ 31.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 32.Kh2 Qxc3 33.Qe3 -1.72/24

[33.Ne5 Qc7 *(33...Qxd4 34.Qxf7+ Kh7 35.Nxd7=)* 34.Qxd3 *(34.Qxf7+ Kh8∓)* 34...Qxe5+ 35.g3 Qe1]

[33.Qxd5∓ -0.52/22 is a better defense. Bxg4 34.Qd8+ *(34.hxg4)* 34...Kh7 35.hxg4]

33...Bxg4-+ 34.hxg4 Endgame KQN-KQN. Black is a pawn up. Endgame. KQN-KQN **34...Qc7+ 35.g3 Ne5 36.Kh3 Nc6?** -0.02/20

[36...Qe7!-+ -1.71/22 37.Qe2 *(37.Kg2 Qf6)* 37...g6]

37.Qe8+= Kh7 38.Nf5 d4 39.Nxd4 Decoy **39...Nxd4 40.Qe4+ g6 41.Qxd4** KQ-KQ **41...Qc6 42.Kh2** Repels Qh1+ Wards off Qh1+ **42...Qf3 43.b4 Qc6 44.a5 Qf3 45.Kg1 Kg8 46.Kf1 Qc6 47.Ke2 Qc2+ 48.Ke3 Qb3+ 49.Kd2 Kh7 50.Qe4 Qb2+ 51.Ke1 Qc1+ 52.Ke2 Qc7 53.Kd3 b6 54.Qc4 Qd7+ 55.Kc3**

[55.Ke2 bxa5 56.bxa5=]

55...bxa5 56.bxa5 Qb7 57.Kc2 Kg8 58.Qc5 Qe4+ 59.Kc3 Qe1+ 60.Kc4 Qe4+ 61.Kb3 -1.30/26

[61.Qd4= 0.00/26 Qc6+ *(61...Qe2+ 62.Kc3)* 62.Qc5]

61...Qd3+ -0.04/24

[61...Qxg4∓ -1.30/26 aiming for ... Qd1+. 62.Kc3 *(62.Kc2 Qe2+ 63.Kc3 h5)* 62...Qe2]

62.Qc3 -1.50/27

[62.Kb4= -0.04/24 remains equal.]

62...Qb5+ -0.04/23

[Black should try 62...Qd1+!∓ -1.50/27 63.Kb4 *(63.Ka3 Qxg4)* 63...Qxg4+ 64.Qc4 Qxc4+ 65.Kxc4 g5]

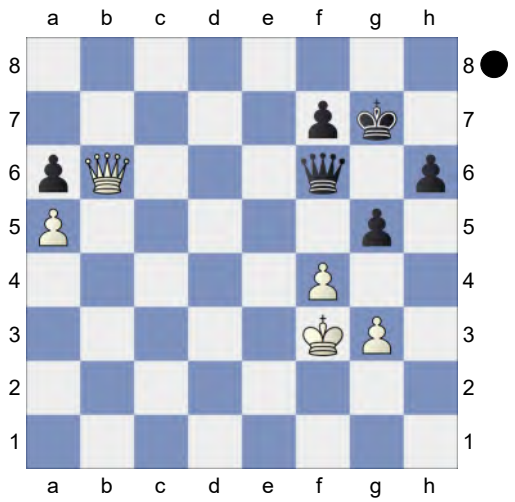
63.Ka3 Kh7 64.f4 Kg8 65.Qd2 Qc5+ 66.Kb3 Qb5+ 67.Kc2 Qc6+ 68.Qc3 Qb5 69.Qe5 Against Qe2+ Qxb5 would now be deadly. **69...Qc4+ 70.Kd2 Qb4+ 71.Ke2 Qc4+ 72.Kf3 Qf1+ 73.Ke4 Qc4+**

[73...Qg2+ 74.Kd4∓]

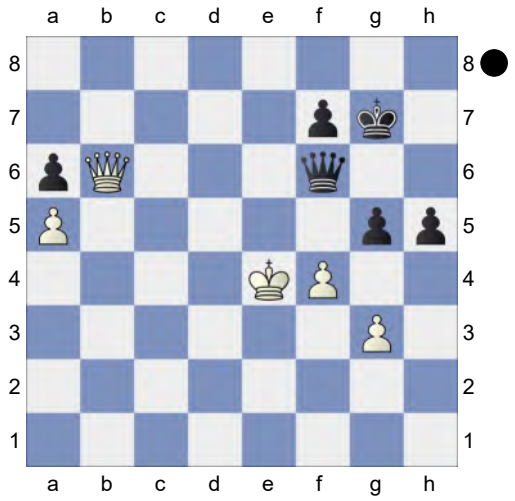
74.Ke3 Qb3+ 75.Kd4 Qb4+ 76.Kd3 Qb3+ 77.Qc3 Qd5+ 78.Ke3 Qe6+ 79.Kf3 Qd5+ 80.Kf2 Qa2+ 81.Ke3 Qe6+ 82.Qe5 Hoping for Qxe6. **82...Qxg4 83.Kf2 Qe6** Threatens to win with ...Qxe5. **84.Qb8+ Kg7 85.Qb2+ Qf6 86.Qb6 g5 87.Kf3** -1.05/23

[87.Kg2∓ -0.33/25]

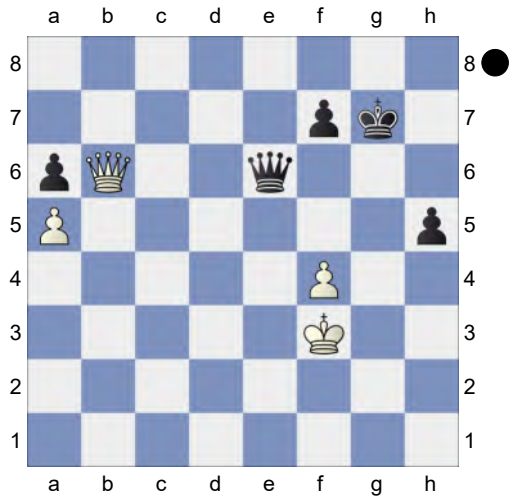
(Diagram)



87...h5!∓ And now ...Qc3+ would win.
88.Ke4? -3.10/19
[White should try 88.Qc5!∓ -0.64/20]

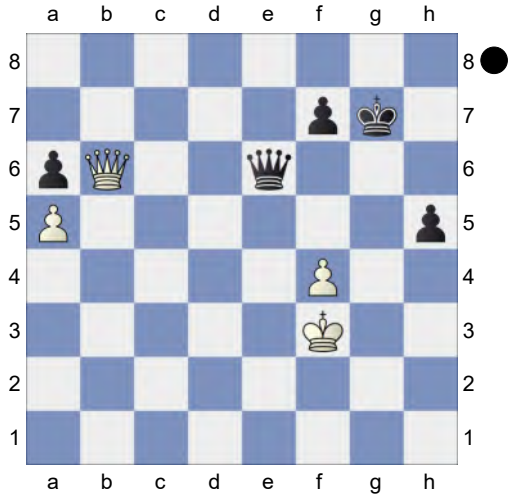


88...gxf4!-+ 89.gxf4
[Avoid the trap 89.Qxf6+? Kxf6 90.Kxf4 Kg6-+ 91.Ke4 Kg5 92.Kf3 Kf5 93.Kf2 Kg4 94.Kg2 f6 95.Kf2 Kh3 96.Kf3 f5 97.Kf2 Kh2 98.Kf3 Kg1 99.Ke3 Kg2 100.Kf4 Kf2 101.Kxf5 Kxg3 102.Kg5 h4 103.Kf6 h3 104.Ke7 h2 105.Kd6 h1Q *(105...h1R* leads to mate. *106.Ke5 Rh5+ 107.Ke4 Rxa5 108.Kd4 Kf4 109.Kc4 Ke3 110.Kb4 Rb5+ 111.Kc4 Rf5 112.Kc3 Rc5+ 113.Kb4 Kd4 114.Kb3 Kd3 115.Kb4 Rb5+ 116.Ka3 Kc2 117.Ka4 Kc3 118.Ka3 Ra5#)* 106.Kc5 Qe4 107.Kd6 Kf4 108.Kd7 Ke5 109.Kc7 Qd5 110.Kc8 Qf7 *(110...Qxa5 111.Kd7 Qb5+ 112.Kd8 Kd6 113.Kc8 a5 114.Kd8 Qd7#)* 111.Kb8 Kd5 112.Ka8 Kc6 113.Kb8 Qb7#]
89...Qe6+? -2.25/19
[⌓89...h4-+ -3.90/22 and Black stays clearly on top.
A) 90.Kf3 Qc3+ 91.Kg2 Qg3+ 92.Kh1 Qh3+ *(92...Qxf4? 93.Qg1+ Kh7 94.Qf2-+)* 93.Kg1 Qg3+ 94.Kh1 Qf3+ *(94...Qxf4? 95.Qb2+ Qf6 96.Qg2+ Qg6 97.Qb2+ Kh7 98.Qb4-+)* 95.Kg1 Qxf4 96.Qb2+ Kg8;
B) 90.Qf2 Qc6+ 91.Kd4 Qd7+ 92.Kc3 h3 93.Qg1+ Kh8]
90.Kf3∓



Qg4+? -0.61/20 **91.Ke3∓ Qe6+ 92.Kf3** -2.01/24
[92.Kf2!∓ -0.57/22 deserves consideration. Qa2+ 93.Ke3 h4]

(Diagram)

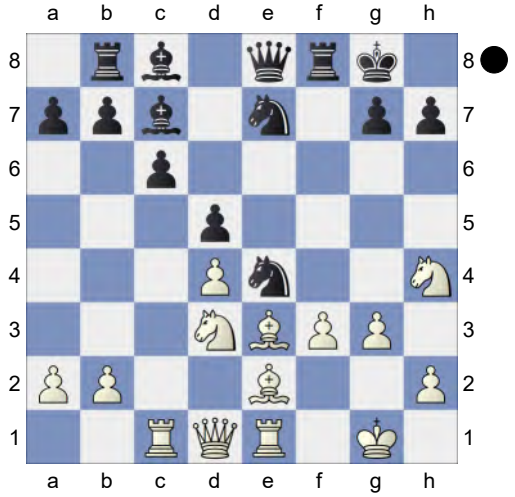


92...Qg4+ -1.00/17 **93.Ke3∓ Qe6+** -1.87/21 Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise) **94.Kf3!** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise) **94...Qd5+!-+** -2.01/24 is more deadly. **95.Kg3 Qd3+ 96.Kf2 Qd2+ 97.Kf3 Qd3+ 98.Kf2**
½-½

297 **C53**
□ **Duda,J.** **2729**
■ **Ibrahimli,Murad** **2447**
Titled Tue 16th Sep 2025 blitz (6)
[Kitty Kat]

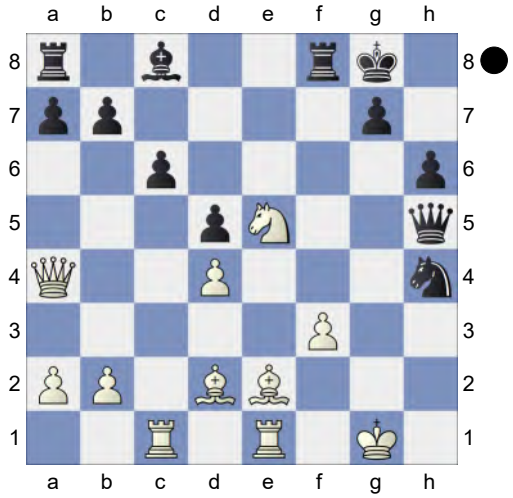
C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4**
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...exd4 6.e5N
[6.0-0 dxc3 7.Nxc3 0-0 8.Bg5 d6 9.Re1 Re8 10.h3 h6 11.Bh4 a6 12.Nd5 Re6 13.Nxc7 Qxc7 14.Bxe6 Bxe6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qd2 Bb4 17.Qxh6 Bxe1 18.Rxe1 Qe7 19.Qh4 Nb4 20.e5 Nc2 1-0 4.♘g5 ♗c5 / 4...d5 5.ed5-Mecking 31/643 London 1980 (11) 21.Re2 Rc8 22.exf6 Qf8 23.Qg5+ Kh8 24.Qh5+ Kg8 25.Ng5 Bf5 26.Nxf7 Bh7 27.Qg5+ Kxf7 28.Re7+ Qxe7 29.fxe7 Nd4 30.Qd5+ Ne6 31.Qxb7 Rc1+ 32.Kh2 Bg6 33.Qd7 Kf6 34.Qxd6 a5 35.f4 Bh5 1-0 4.♘g5 ♗c5 / 4...d5 5.ed5 d-Mecking 31/643 London 1980 (11) 36.f5 Kxf5 37.g4+ Kg5 38.gxh5 Rc2+ 39.Kg1 Rc1+ 40.Kf2 Rc2+ 41.Ke3 Rc1 42.Qd2 Rc8 43.Qd7 Rc1 44.e8Q Re1+ 45.Kd2 Nc5 46.Qg6+ Kf4 47.Qdf5# 1-0 Snijders, P-Wigboldus,D Hengelo U12 op 2002 (11)]
6...d5! 7.Be2 Ne4
[7...d3 is interesting. 8.exf6 dxe2 9.Qxe2+ Kf8]
8.cxd4 Bb6 9.0-0 The position is equal.
9...0-0 10.Nc3 Bf5 0.48/19
[10...Be6= 0.06/20]
11.Be3± Ne7 0.62/18
[11...f6= 0.24/20]
12.Rc1 c6 13.Nh4 0.10/20
[13.Na4± 0.59/19]
13...f6!= 14.exf6 Nxf6 15.Na4 Bc7 16.Nc5 Bc8 17.Re1 Rb8 0.49/20
[17...Nf5!= 0.03/18 18.Bg5 *(18.Nxf5 Bxf5 19.Bd3 Qc8=)* 18...Nxh4 19.Bxh4 Bxh2+ 20.Kh1 *(20.Kxh2? Ng4+* Discovered Attack, Decoy *21.Bxg4 Qxh4+ 22.Kg1 Qxf2+ 23.Kh2 Qh4+ 24.Kg1 Bxg4-+)* 20...Bf4]
18.g3 0.12/20
[18.Bd3± 0.49/20 should be considered.]

18...Qe8 0.57/20
[18...Nf5= 0.12/20 19.Nxf5 Bxf5]
19.Nd3 0.20/20
[19.Qc2± 0.57/20]
19...Ne4 20.f3 -0.50/21
[20.Ne5± 0.38/19]

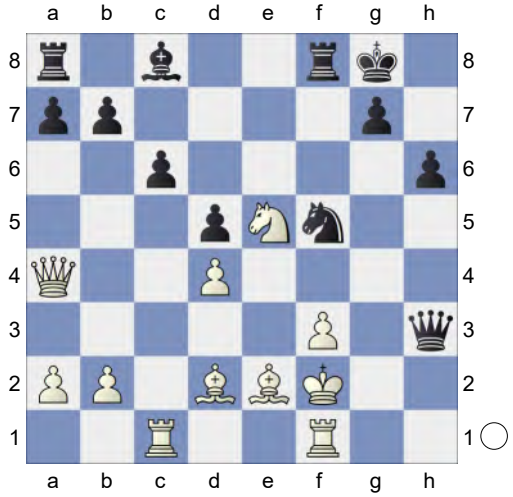


20...Nxg3!∓ Demolition **21.hxg3 Bxg3 22.Bf2 Bxh4 23.Bxh4 Nf5↑** Black has some pressure. **24.Bg5** Repels Qe3+ **24...h6** 1.42/19
[24...Qg6= -0.01/24 25.f4 h6 Pin]
25.Bf4± Ra8? 3.02/20
[25...Qg6+± 1.21/21 26.Kf2 Qf6]
26.Qa4? -0.01/18
[Only move: 26.Ne5+- 3.02/20]
26...Qh5!= 27.Ne5 Nh4 Black has compensation. **28.Bd2** -1.25/24
[28.Bg3= -0.19/24 Qg5 29.Kf2]

(Diagram)



28...Qf5!∓ 29.Kf2 Qh3 Threatens to win with ...Bg4. **30.Rf1?** -5.20/22
[30.Ke3!∓ -0.63/24]
30...Nf5? 1.32/21
[30...Qh2+-+ -5.20/22 31.Ke3 Nf5+ 32.Kd3 Ng3]



31.Ke1!± Qh4+? 2.91/21
[31...Ng3± 0.98/21]
32.Kd1+- Ng3 3.00/20
[32...Nxd4 33.Ng6 Qf6 34.Bc3 *(34.Nxf8 Nxe2 35.Kxe2 Bh3+-)*]
[32...Rf6 1.97/19 was necessary. 33.Qb4 a5]
33.Re1 Bf5 34.Rc3 Rae8 3.53/20
[⌓34...Nxe2 2.31/18 35.Rxe2 a5]
35.Qxa7 Nxe2

[Stronger than 35...Rxe5 36.dxe5 Nxe2 37.Rxe2]

36.Rxe2

[Not 36.Kxe2 b6±]

36...Qh1+ 37.Re1 Qg2 38.Qc5

[38.Qxb7 Rb8 39.Qa6 *(39.Qxc6 Rxb2 40.Qxd5+ Kh7±)* 39...Rxb2+-]

38...h5 39.Rce3 h4 40.R3e2 Qg3 41.Be3 And now Rg1 would win. **41...h3 42.Rg1 Qh4 43.Rh2 Bh7 44.Qd6 Rf6** #17/30

[44...Bf5+- 4.97/20 45.Rg5 *(45.Kc1 Re6+-)* 45...Re6]

45.Qd7 Ref8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.66

46.Qxg7#

1-0

298 **C50**

□ **Aronian,Levon** **2729**

■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2763**

SuperUnited CRO Rapid 2024 (8.5)

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4** John Watson Perunovic, Milos Kitty Kat Sokolov,Ivan **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.h3 d6**

[RR 5...0-0 6.Nc3 Na5 *(RR 6...a6; RR 6...a6)*

A) RR 7.Nxe5 Qe7 *(RR 7...Nxc4 8.Nxc4 d5 9.exd5 Re8+ 10.Ne3 Nxd5 11.Ncxd5 Qxd5 12.0-0;* RR *7...Nxc4 8.Nxc4 d5 9.exd5 Re8+ 10.Ne3 Nxd5 11.Ncxd5 Qxd5 12.0-0)* 8.Bxf7+ Rxf7 *(RR 8...Kh8 9.d4 Bb4 10.Ng6+ hxg6 11.Bxg6 d6 12.Bg5;* RR *8...Kh8 9.d4 Bb4 10.Ng6+ hxg6 11.Bxg6 d6 12.Bg5)* 9.Nxf7 Qxf7 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Be3 Bf8;

B) RR 7.Nxe5 Qe7 8.Bxf7+ Rxf7 9.Nxf7 Qxf7 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Be3 Bf8;

C) 7.a3 Nxc4 8.dxc4 d6 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Qd3 h6 11.Bh4

C1) RR 11...c6 12.0-0-0 *(RR 12.Rd1 a6 13.b4 Bb6;* RR *12.g4 b5;* RR *12.Rd1 a6 13.b4 Bb6;* RR *12.g4 b5)* 12...b5 13.cxb5 cxb5 14.b4 *(RR 14.Qxb5 Rc8;* RR *14.Qxb5 Rc8)* 14...Bb6 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Rfc8;

C2) RR 11...c6 12.0-0-0 b5 13.cxb5 cxb5 14.b4 Bb6 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Rfc8;

C3) 11...g5 12.Nxg5 hxg5 13.Bxg5 Kg7 14.f4 exf4 *(RR 14...Rg8 15.f5 Kh7 16.h4 Bd7 17.g4 c6 18.0-0-0;* RR *14...Rg8 15.f5 Kh7 16.h4 Bd7 17.g4 c6 18.0-0-0)*

C3a) RR 15.Rf1 Qe8 16.Rxf4 *(RR 16.Bxf6+ Kxf6 17.Rxf4+ Ke7 18.b4 Bb6 19.0-0-0 Rg8;* RR *16.Bxf6+ Kxf6 17.Rxf4+ Ke7 18.b4 Bb6 19.0-0-0 Rg8)* 16...Nh5 *(RR 16...Nh7 17.Bh6+ Kh8 18.Bxf8 Qxf8 19.0-0-0;* RR *16...Nh7 17.Bh6+ Kh8 18.Bxf8 Qxf8 19.0-0-0)* 17.Bf6+ Nxf6 18.Qg3+ Ng4 19.Rxg4+ Bxg4 20.Qxg4+ Kh8 21.Qh5+ Kg8;

C3b) RR 15.Rf1 Qe8 16.Rxf4 Nh5 17.Bf6+ Nxf6 18.Qg3+ Ng4 19.Rxg4+ Bxg4 20.Qxg4+ Kh8 21.Qh5+ Kg8;

C3c) 15.Ne2 c6 *(RR 15...Qe7 16.Rf1 Kg6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Nxf4+ Kh6 19.Nxe6 Qxe6 20.0-0-0;* RR *15...Bf2+ 16.Kxf2 Nxe4+ 17.Qxe4*

Qxg5 18.Qd4+ f6 19.Nxf4; RR *15...Qe7 16.Rf1 Kg6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Nxf4+ Kh6 19.Nxe6 Qxe6 20.0-0-0;* RR *15...Bf2+ 16.Kxf2 Nxe4+ 17.Qxe4 Qxg5 18.Qd4+ f6 19.Nxf4)* 16.b4 *(*RR *16.Nxf4 Qa5+ 17.Kd1 Bb6;* RR *16.Nxf4 Qa5+ 17.Kd1 Bb6)* 16...Be3 17.Rf1 Kg6

C3c1) RR 18.Bh4 Bxc4 *(*RR *18...Rh8 19.Rxf4 Bxf4 20.e5+ Kh6 21.Bxf6;* RR *18...Rh8 19.Rxf4 Bxf4 20.e5+ Kh6 21.Bxf6)* 19.Qxc4 d5 20.exd5 Qxd5 21.Nxf4+ Bxf4 22.Qxf4 Rae8+ 23.Kf2;

C3c2) RR 18.Bh4 Bxc4 19.Qxc4 d5 20.exd5 Qxd5 21.Nxf4+ Bxf4 22.Qxf4 Rae8+ 23.Kf2;

C3c3) 18.h4 Bxc4 19.Qxc4 d5 20.Qb3 Firouzja,A (2793)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2766) Madrid 2022 Chess Informant 153 [Sokolov, Ivan] 0-1 (38) RR Firouzja,A (2778)-Aronian,L (2759) Saint Louis 154/106 2022 [Perunovic,Milos] 1-0 (38) RR

C3c31) RR 20...Qd6 21.Nxf4+ Bxf4 22.Bxf4 *(*RR *22.Rxf4 Nxe4)* 22...Qe7 23.Qg3+ Kh7 24.e5 Ne4 25.Qf3;

C3c32) 20...Qd6 21.Nxf4+ Bxf4 22.Bxf4 *(*RR *22.Rxf4 Nxe4)* 22...Qe7 23.Qg3+ Kh7 24.e5 Ne4 25.Qf3]

6.a4

[RR 6.Nc3 a6 *(*RR *6...Na5 7.Bb3 Nxb3 8.axb3 c6 9.Na4 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Bxd2+ 11.Qxd2 0-0 12.Qg5 h6 13.Qh4 Qa5+ 14.Ke2 Qc7 15.g4 Nh7 16.Rhg1 f6 17.Qg3 Rf7 18.Nc3 d5 19.h4 d4 20.Nb1 g5 21.Nbd2)* 7.a3 Ba7 8.Be3 h6 9.d4 0-0 10.0-0 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Re8 14.f4 b5 15.Ba2 Bb7 16.Rae1 c5 17.Qd3 Qb6 18.Kh2 c4 19.Qf3 Qd4 20.Rd1 Qc5 1-0 Dardha, D (2609)-Yurasova,D (2048) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early blitz 2022 (2) Dardha,D (2609) - Yurasova,D (2048) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early blitz 2022 (2) 1-0]

[RR 6.a3 a5 7.Be3 0-0 8.Bxc5 dxc5 9.Nc3 Be6 *(*RR *9...Qe7)* 10.Bb5 Nd4 11.Nxe5 Qd6 12.Nc4 Qf4 13.Ne3 Rad8 14.a4 c6 *(* RR *14...Qh4)* 15.Bc4 b5 16.axb5 *(* RR *16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.0-0)* 16...cxb5 *(* RR *16...Bxc4 17.Nxc4 cxb5 18.Nxa5)* 17.Bxb5 Nxb5 18.Nxb5 Qb8 19.Rxa5 Nxe4 *(*RR *19...c4)* 20.0-0 *(*RR *20.Qc1 Bd7 21.dxe4 Bxb5 22.c4)* 20...c4 Esipenko,A (2704)-Caruana,F (2805) Chess.com INT 2024 Mega2024 Update 29 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (34) RR 21.Nxc4 Bxc4 22.Na3 Be6]

[RR 6.Be3 Bb6 7.Nc3 Be6 8.Bb3 Qd7 9.Qd2 Ne7 10.Rd1 Ng6 11.Ne2 d5 12.exd5 Bxd5 13.Bxd5 Nxd5 14.0-0 f5 15.Bxb6 axb6 16.d4 e4 17.Ne5 Qd6 18.c4 Nf6 19.Nxg6 hxg6 20.a3 Kf7]

6...a6 7.c3 0-0N

[RR 7...h6 8.0-0 Ba7 9.Re1 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bb3 Qd7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 d5 *(* RR *14...Bxb3 15.Qxb3 Ne7 16.Kh2 a5*

17.g3 Ng6 18.Kg2 c6 19.Rad1 Qc7 20.Nh2 Rad8) 15.Qc2 dxe4 16.Bxe6 Qxe6 17.dxe4 Rad8 18.Rad1 Ne7 19.Rd3 Ng6 20.c4 Rxd3 21.Qxd3 Nf4 22.Qb3 ½-½ 6.e3 0-0 7.♗d2 a6 (1939)-Kasapchuk,A (2053) 65/353 Groningen 1995 (5.16) 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd2 a6 (1939)-Kasapchuk,A (2053) 65/353 Groningen 1995 (5.16) 1/2-1/2 Pedmanson,A (1939)-Jodorcovsky,A (2053) Eindhoven 2023 ½-½ (62) 6.e3 0-0 7. ♗d2 a6 (1939)-Kasapchuk,A (2053) Groningen 2023 CBM 79_02 [John Watson] ½-½ (62) Nxe4 23.Nd5 Nc5 24.Qa3 Ncd3 25.Nxf4 Nxf4 26.Rxe5 Qd7 27.Qe3 Rxe5 28.Nxe5 Qd1+ 29.Kh2 Ne6 30.b3 Qd6 31.g3 Nd4 32.Ng4 h5 33.Qe8+ Qf8 34.Qe4 Nxb3 35.Ne3 Nc5 36.Qe5 Ne6 37.Qxh5 ½-½ Pedmanson,A (1939)-Jodorcovsky,A (2053) World ol U16 2023 (5.16) Pedmanson,A (1939)-Jodorcovsky,A (2053) World ol U16 2023 (5. 16) 1/2-1/2]

8.Nbd2 The position is equal. **8...Re8 9.Nf1** -0.22/21

[9.0-0± 0.33/19]

9...d5= 10.exd5 e4 11.dxe4 Nxe4 12.Be3 -0.81/22

[12.Ne3= -0.27/22 keeps the balance.]

12...Ne5!∓ 13.Nxe5 Rxe5 14.Qe2 Threatens to win with Be3xc5. **14...Nd6 15.Bxc5** -1.61/21

[15.0-0-0∓ -0.50/20]

15...Rxe2+-+ 16.Bxe2 Ne4 17.Be3 Bf5

[17...Qxd5? 18.Rd1+-]

18.Rd1 Qd7 -1.14/21

[⌓18...Qe7 -1.57/21 19.Bd4 Bd7]

19.Bd4∓ Qxa4 20.Ne3 Bg6 21.0-0 Re8 22.Ra1 Qd7 23.Rfe1 h6 24.Rad1 Nd6 -0.89/19

[⌓24...a5 -1.32/19 25.Ra1 a4]

25.c4 a5 -0.67/20

[25...Qa4∓ -1.07/19 26.Bf1 Nf5]

26.Rc1 Nf5 27.Bg4 h5 28.Nxf5 Rxe1+ 29.Rxe1 Bxf5

[29...hxg4 30.Nxg7± f6 *(30...gxh3 31.Ne8=)* 31.Ne6]

30.Bxh5 b5 -0.24/25

[30...Bd3∓ -1.40/20 31.b3 b5]

31.cxb5 -0.69/23

[31.Bc5= -0.24/25 g6 *(31...bxc4 32.Re7=)* 32.Re7]

31...Qxd5∓

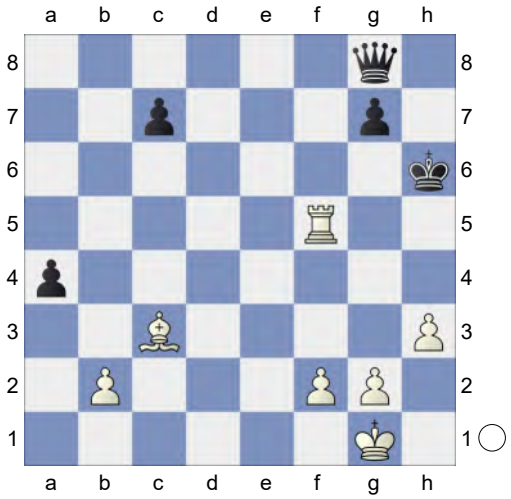
[31...Qxb5 32.Re7=]

32.Re8+ Kh7 33.Bc3 Qxb5 0.59/26

[33...Bxh3 34.Bf3 Qg5 *(34...Qxb5? 35.Re5+-)* 35.Re5∓]

[33...Be6∓ -0.86/22 34.Bf3 Qc4 *(34...Qxb5 35.Be4+ f5 36.Rxe6±)*]

34.Bxf7± Qd7 35.Bg8+ A strong pair of Bishops. **35...Kh6 36.Re5 a4 37.Rd5 Qe8 38.Rxf5 Qxg8±** Endgame.



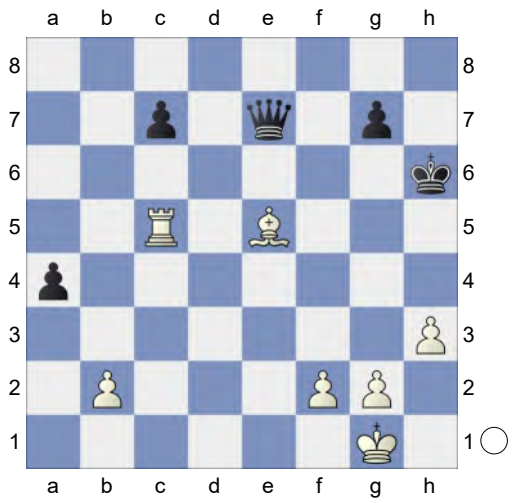
KQ-KRB **39.Rc5** 0.01/26

[Better is 39.Rf4!± 0.76/26]

39...Qd8 40.Be5 Qe7 1.44/27

[40...Qd2!= 0.16/25 remains equal.]

(Diagram)



41.Rc6+! Kg5 42.f4+ Kf5 43.Rxc7 White is much more active.
[Of course not 43.Bxc7?! Qb4=]
43...Qb4 44.Rxg7 Ke4 45.Kh2 Qe1 46.Rg3 Kf5 47.h4 1.16/30
[White should try 47.Rg8 1.52/25]
47...Qe2 48.Rg5+ Ke4 49.h5 Qe1? 4.16/29
[49...Qa6± 1.22/26 keeps fighting. 50.Rg4 Ke3]
50.Rg3+- White wants to mate with h5-h6. **50...Qd1?** 8.19/28
[50...Qb4 3.70/28 51.Ra3 Qb5]
51.h6 Threatening mate with h6-h7.
51...Qd7 52.Rh3 h6-h7 would kill now.
52...Qh7 53.Rh4
[Stronger than 53.g4 Qd7=]
53...Kf5 54.Bg7 Ke4 55.Kg3 Kf5? 8.02/23
[55...Qg6+ 3.58/23 56.Kh2 Ke3]
56.Rh5+ Kg6 57.Kg4 Kf7 58.Rf5+ Ke6 59.Rf6+ Ke7 60.f5 Qg8 61.Kg5 Qd5 62.Kg6 And now g2-g4 would win.
62...Qxg2+ 63.Kh7 Qd5 64.Rf8 Kd7 65.Kh8 Qb3 66.h7 Qc4 67.f6 White threatens f6-f7 and mate. **67...Ke6 68.Kg8** White used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.33 White used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.33
1-0

299 **C50**
□ **Yu,Yangyi** **2729**
■ **Aravindh,Chithambaram VR** **2671**
Dubai Police op-A (7) 10.05.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4** List,Paul M ChessPublishing.com Tadic,Branko
1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5
[RR 3...Be7 4.0-0 *(RR 4.d4 exd4)* 4...Nf6 5.d3]
[RR 3...h6 4.d4 *(RR 4.0-0 Bc5 5.b4)* 4...exd4 5.c3 Qe7]
[RR 3...d6 4.c3 g6 *(RR 4...f5 5.d3 Qf6 6.Ng5)* 5.d3 Bg7 6.Ng5 Nh6 7.h4 Qe7 8.Qb3 Nd8]
4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0
[RR 5.Nc3
A) RR 5...h6 6.0-0 *(RR 6.a3 d6 7.Na4)* 6...a6 7.Be3 *(RR 7.a3 0-0 8.Be3 d6)* 7...Bxe3 8.fxe3 d6 9.a3 0-0;
B) RR 5...a6;
C) 5...d6
C1) RR 6.Be3 Bb6 *(RR 6...Bb4)*;
C2) RR 6.Na4 Bb6 *(RR 6...Qe7 7.a3 Be6)* 7.c3 *(RR 7.a3 0-0 8.0-0)* 7...Ne7 8.0-0 Ng6 9.Re1 0-0;
C3) RR 6.0-0 Bg4;
C4) 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nd5 Qd8 *(RR 8...Qg6 9.Nh4 Qg5 10.Nxc7+ Kd8 11.Nxa8 Qxh4 12.Qd2)* 9.c3 a6 *(RR 9...Ne7 10.d4 Nxd5 11.dxc5 Nf4 12.g3 Nh3 13.cxd6 cxd6 14.Qa4+)* 10.d4]

[RR 5.Bg5
A) RR 5...Be7 6.a4 *(RR 6.Bh4 0-0 7.Bg3 d6)* 6...0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.h3 Be6;
B) 5...h6 6.Bh4 Be7 *(RR 6...d6)* 7.Bg3 *(RR 7.Nbd2 d6 8.c3 a6)* 7...d6 8.a4 *(RR 8.c3 g6)* 8...a5 9.0-0]
[RR 5.a4 d6 6.c3 a6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4]
[RR 5.c3]

5...0-0
[RR 5...d6 6.a4 a5 *(RR 6...Bg4 7.h3 Bh5)* 7.c3 Bb6]

6.Bg5
[RR 6.Nc3 h6 *(RR 6...d6 7.Bg5)* 7.Be3]
[RR 6.h3 d5 *(RR 6...a5 7.c3 h6 8.d4 Bb6)* 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Re1 *(RR 8.a4 Be6 9.Ng5)* 8...Be6]
[RR 6.Nbd2 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Re1 Nf6]
[RR 6.Re1 Ng4 *(RR 6...d6 7.c3)* 7.Re2 Kh8 8.h3 f5 9.Bg5 Nf6 10.Nc3 *(RR 10.exf5)* 10...d6 11.Nd5]
[RR 6.a4 h6 *(RR 6...a5 7.Bg5 d6 8.c3)* 7.c3 a5 8.Nbd2 *(RR 8.h3 d6 9.Re1)* 8...d6 9.h3 Be6]
[RR 6.c3]

6...h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Bg3 8.Nbd2 is the modern continuation. 8.Sbd2 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. 8.Nbd2 is the modern continuation. 8.Sbd2 ist die moderne Fortsetzung.
[RR 8.Bb3 d6 9.h3 Na5 10.Ba4 c5 11.Nc3 Be6 12.Nh2 a6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Ng4 Bg5 15.Bb3 Nxb3 16.axb3 g6 17.Ne3 f5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Qf3 Qd7 20.Ned5 Rae8 21.Qh5 Qg7 22.f4 exf4]
[RR 8.Nc3 d6 9.h3 Be6 10.Bb3 a6 11.Re1 Na5 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.d4 exd4 14.Nxd4 Qd7 15.Bg3 e5 16.Nf5 Nc6 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Qxd5+ Kh8 19.Rad1 Rad8 20.c3 Bg5 21.Rd3 g6 22.Nh4 Bxh4]

8...d6 9.a4 Be6N
[RR 9...g6 10.h3 Kg7 *(RR 10...a6 11.a5; RR 10...Nh5 11.Bh2 Bg5 12.Nc3 Bf4)* 11.a5 *(RR 11.Re1 Na5 12.Ba2 c5 13.c3 Be6 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.d4)* 11...a6 12.Nc3 Be6 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.d4
A) RR 14...exd4 15.Nxd4 Qd7 16.e5 Nh5 *(RR 16...Nxe5 17.Re1 c5 18.Bxe5 cxd4 19.Bxd4 e5 20.Be3)* 17.exd6 Bxd6 18.Nxc6 Qxc6 19.Qd4+ Kh7 20.Bh2;
B) 14...Nh5
B1) RR 15.d5 exd5 16.exd5 Nb8 *(RR 16...Nxg3 17.fxg3 Nb8 18.Ne4 Nd7 19.Qd3 Nf6 20.Nfd2)* 17.Ne4 Nd7 18.c4 Ndf6 19.Nfd2;
B2) 15.Bh2 exd4 *(RR 15...Bf6 16.d5)* 16.Nxd4 Qd7
B2a) RR 17.e5 Rad8 *(RR 17...Nxe5 18.Bxe5+ dxe5 19.Nf5+)* 18.Nxc6 Qxc6 19.Qg4 d5 20.Ne2 Bc5 21.Ra3 Kh7 *(RR 21...Bxa3 22.Nd4)* 22.Rc3;
B2b) 17.f4 Nxd4 *(RR 17...Rad8)* 18.Qxd4+ Kh7 19.Qd3 Rf7 *(RR 19...Ng7)*
B2b1) RR 20.f5 exf5 21.exf5 Rxf5 22.Nd5 Ng7 *(RR 22...Rxf1+ 23.Rxf1 Rf8 24.Rxf8 Bxf8 25.g4)* 23.g4 Rff8 24.Rae1;
B2b2) 20.Rf3 Raf8 21.Raf1 Ng7 22.g4 c6 23.Ne2 d5 24.c4 ½-½ Woelwer,P (2774)-Trice,E (2765) New York IT

1924 (7.2) Woelwer,P (2774)-Trice,E (2765) New York IT 1924 (7.2) 1/2-1/2 RR Woelwer,P (2774)-Trice, E (2765) New York 2021 200 Traps In The Opening [List,Paul M] ½-½ (37) Bb4 25.cxd5 cxd5 26.f5 exf5 27.exf5 gxf5 28.Be5 Qe6 29.Bxg7 Kxg7 30.Re3 Qd6 31.Nd4 Bc5]

[RR 9...Nh7 10.Nc3 *(RR 10.Nbd2; 10.h3 Ng5 11.Nbd2 Be6 12.Nxg5 Bxg5 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Nf3 Bf4 15.a5)* 10...Ng5 11.Nd2 Ne6 12.Nd5 Bg5 13.Nf3 Ne7 14.h4 *(RR 14.Nxg5 hxg5 15.Ne3; RR 14.a5)* 14...Bf4 15.Bxf4 exf4 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.d4 g5

A) RR 18.hxg5 hxg5 19.Ra3 g4 20.Nh2 Ng5 21.Nxg4 f3 22.Nh2 Nh3+

A1) RR 23.gxh3 Qg5+ 24.Ng4 Bxg4 25.Kh2 Qf4+ 26.Kh1 Qh6 27.Rxf3 Kh8 *(RR 27...Bxh3 28.Re1 Bg4+ 29.Kg2 Bxf3+ 30.Qxf3 Qg5+ 31.Kf1)*;

A2) 23.Kh1 fxg2+ 24.Kxg2 Qxe4+ 25.Rf3 Kh8 26.Rh1 Rg8+ 27.Kf1;

B) 18.Nh2 gxh4 19.Re1 Kh8 20.e5 Qg5 21.Nf3 *(RR 21.Ra3 Rg8 22.Bf1 Qg7)* 21...Qg4 22.exd6 *(RR 22.Kh2 Rg8 23.Rg1 Rg7)* 22...h3 23.Bf1 hxg2 24.Be2 0-1 Sudgen,J (2778)- ♘d7 10.d4 (2763) 79/(193) Polanica Zdroj 2000 Sudgen,J (2778)-Nd7 10.d4 (2763) 79/(193) Polanica Zdroj 2000 0-1 So,W (2778)-Radjabov,T (2763) chess24.com (Int.-m/4-rapid) 150/106 2021 [Tadic,Branko] 0-1 *(RR 24.Bxg2 Rg8)*]

[9...a5]

[RR 9...g5 10.c3 g4 11.Ne1 *(RR 11.Nh4 Nxe4)* 11...Nh5 12.Nc2 Bg5 13.a5 a6 14.f3 Nxg3 15.hxg3 gxf3 16.Qxf3 Kg7]

[RR 9...Nh5 10.Nxe5 Nxg3 11.Nxc6]

10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.c3 Nh5 12.Nbd2 a5N

[Vorgänger: 12...Nxg3 13.hxg3 Bf6 14.a5 a6 15.b4 Qe8 16.Qb3 g5 17.g4 Bg7 18.b5 Nd8 0.78/21 *(18...axb5± 0.41/23 19.Qxb5 Ra7)* 19.bxa6 Rxa6 1-0 Demchenko,A (2654)-Yang,K (2481) Chess.com Rapid Wk17 Swiss 2022 (1) Demchenko,A (2654)-Yang,K (2481) Chess.com Rapid Wk17 Swiss 2022 (1) 1-0]

13.Qb3 Qd7 14.Qb5 Ra6 0.63/21

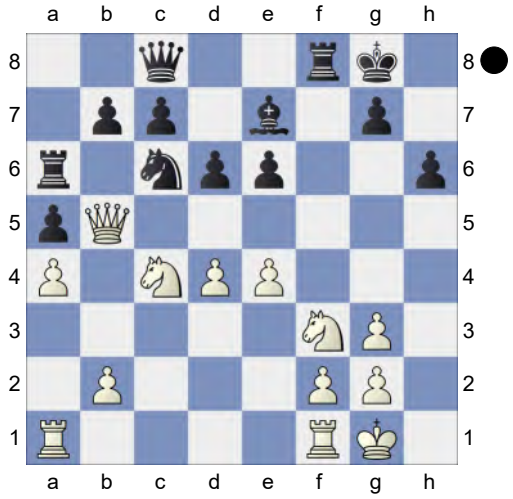
[14...Rad8= 0.18/19 deserves consideration.]

15.Nc4!±

[15.Qxb7? Rb6-+]

15...Qc8 16.d4 White is more active.

16...Nxg3 17.hxg3 exd4 18.cxd4

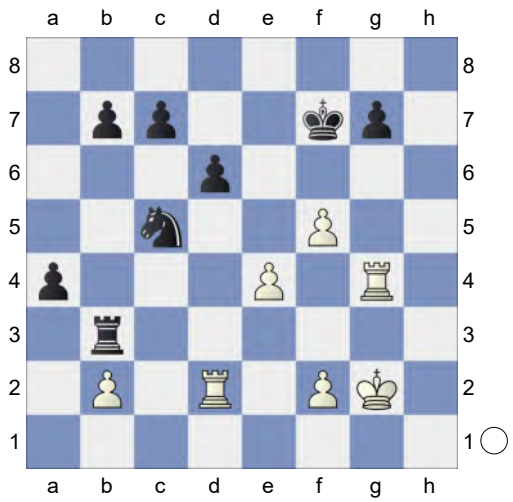


Rxf3! Remove Defender **19.gxf3** And now Ra1-d1 would win. **19...Nxd4 20.Qh5 Rc6! 21.Ne3**

[21.Nxa5? Rc5 22.Qh1 Rxa5-+]

21...Rc5⇄ Dodges f3-f4. Black is not holding back **22.Qh1 Qe8 23.Rfe1 e5**
[23...Qf7!? 24.f4□ e5-+]
24.Rad1 Qxa4 25.Qh5 White is weak on the dark squares **25...Qb3 26.Kg2 Qf7 27.Qg4 h5 28.Qc8+ Qf8! 29.Qxf8+**
[29.Nd5 with more complications. Bg5 30.Qxf8+ Kxf8 31.f4]
29...Kxf8 30.f4 h4 0.27/22
[⌓30...c6 -0.25/22]
31.Rc1 White has compensation.
31...Nb3 0.50/22
[31...exf4= -0.01/23 32.gxf4 *(32.Rxc5 f3+ 33.Kh3 dxc5=)* 32...Nb3 33.Rxc5 Nxc5]
32.Rcd1 -0.38/22
[32.Rxc5± 0.50/22 Nxc5 33.fxe5]
32...Nd4 0.24/22
[32...hxg3∓ -0.38/22 33.fxg3 a4]
33.Rh1 -0.23/22
[33.fxe5 0.24/22 is more appropriate. dxe5 34.gxh4]
33...Rb5 34.Rd2 exf4 35.gxf4 Ne6 36.Nd5 Rb3 1.08/23
[36...Bd8= -0.01/22 keeps the balance.]
37.f5± Nc5
[37...Bg5? 38.fxe6 h3+ *(38...Bxd2? 39.Rxh4 Bh6 40.Rh5+-)* 39.Rxh3 Rxh3 40.f4+- *(40.Kxh3? Bxd2 41.e7+ Kf7-+)*]
38.Nxe7 Remove Defender **38...Kxe7 39.Rxh4** Endgame. KRR-KRN Endgame. KRR-KRN **39...a4** 1.33/22
[39...Nd3!± 0.48/23 40.Rg4 Ne1+ 41.Kh1 Kf7]
40.Rg4 Kf7

(Diagram)



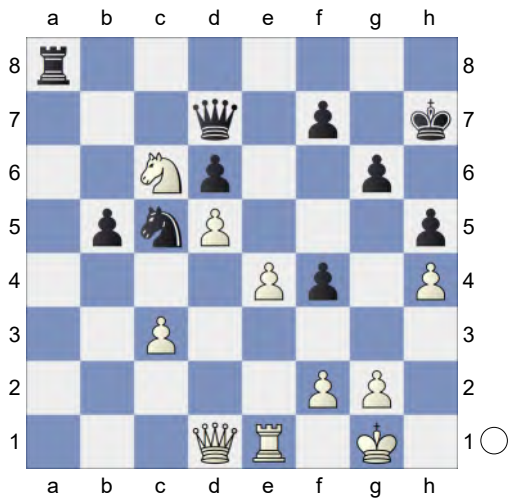
41.Rc2! b6 42.f3 c6 1.96/22
[42...Kf6± 1.28/23 43.Kg3 Re3]
43.Kg3 0.83/26
[43.Rg6+- 1.96/22 has better winning chances. Nd3 44.Kg1 *(44.Rxd6?* too greedy. *Ne1+* Discovered Attack, Double Attack *45.Kg3 Nxc2-+; 44.Rxc6 Nf4+ 45.Kg3 Nxg6∓)*]
43...Nd3 44.Rxc6 Ne5 Dodges Rg4-g6 **45.Rc7+**
[Reject 45.Rxd6 Nxg4 46.Kxg4 Rxb2 47.Rd7+ Kf8=]
45...Kf6 46.Rgxg7 Rxf3+ 47.Kg2 Rb3 1.09/25
[47...Re3± 0.60/25]
48.Rg8 d5 49.exd5 0.13/23
[49.Rf8+± 1.04/24 Kg5 50.exd5 Rxb2+ 51.Kg3 Rb3+ 52.Kf2]
49...Rxb2+= The position is equal.
50.Kg3 Hoping for Rg8-f8+. **50...Kxf5 51.d6 Rb3+ 52.Kf2** Strongly threatening d6-d7. **52...Ke6 53.Rd8** aiming for Rc7-e7+. **53...Rf3+ 54.Ke2 Rf7** Dodges Rc7-e7+ **55.Rc1** Rd8-e8+ would now be deadly. **55...Nd7 56.Rd1**
[56.Ra8 simplifies Kxd6 57.Rxa4 Nc5 58.Rd4+]
56...Rf8 Inhibits Rd8-e8+. **57.Rxf8 Nxf8** KR-KN **58.Kd3 Kxd6 59.Kc4+ Kc6**

60.Kb4 Nd7 61.Kxa4 Nc5+ 62.Kb4 Ne6 63.Rc1+ Kd5 64.Kb5 Nd4+ 65.Kxb6 Ne6 66.Rd1+ Nd4 67.Rc1 Ne6 68.Kb5 Nd4+ 69.Kb4 Nc6+ 70.Kc3 Ne5 71.Re1 Nf3 72.Re2 Ne5 73.Re3 Nc6 74.Rd3+ Ke4 75.Rd1 Ne5 76.Rd6 Nf3 77.Rd8 Ne5 78.Re8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)
½-½

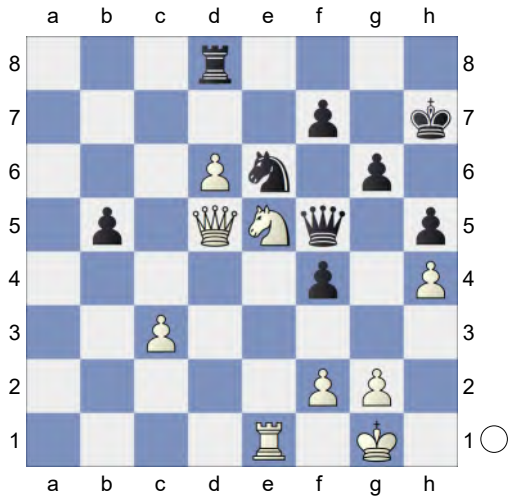
300 **C50**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2728**
■ **Kovalev,Vladislav** **2623**
Airthings Play-In Match (1.1) 03.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 a6 7.a4 h6**
[7...Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Re8 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b4 d5 13.Qc2 d4 14.Bb2 Nh5 15.b5 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Nb3 Qd8 20.g3 Rh6 21.Kg2 Qg5 22.Rh1 0-1 Lunacek,J (2702)-Ferri,S (2732) Chicago op 19th 2010 (11)]
8.Re1! 8.Re1 is better than 8.Nbd2. 8. Te1 ist besser als 8.Sbd2. **8...Ba7 9.Nbd2N**
[9.b4 0-0 10.Ra2 Ne7 11.Nbd2 Ng6 12.Nf1 c6 13.Bb3 Be6 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.Ng3 Qe8 16.d4 Rd8 17.h3 exd4 18.cxd4 e5 19.Be3 exd4 20.Bxd4 Bxd4 21.Nxd4 Qf7 22.Rd2 Ne5 23.Ndf5 Ne8 1-0 Cardenas,R (2499)-Medvegy,Z (2153) Amsterdam ACT op 2nd 2005 (3) 24.f4 Nc4 25.Rf2 b5 26.e5 Nc7 27.Qg4 Kh7 28.e6 1-0 Nevednichy,V (2499)-Makropoulou,M (2153) Wch Seniors 50 30th 2022 (3)]
9...0-0 10.Nf1 The position is equal.
10...Ne7 11.Ng3 Ng6 12.h3 c6 13.Bb3 Re8 14.d4 Be6 15.Bc2 c5 16.d5 Bd7 17.a5N
[Vorgänger: 17.c4 b5 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.exf5 Nf8 20.Nd2 Bb6 21.Re3 N8d7 22.Rea3 bxc4 23.Nxc4 0-1 (62) So,W (2770)-Caruana,F (2835) Lichess.org INT 2020]
17...c4 18.Be3 Bxe3 19.Rxe3 Rc8 20.Ba4 Nf4 21.Nd2 Bb5 22.Nf5 Kh7 0.63/19
[22...h5= 0.17/18]
23.Bxb5 -0.07/21
[23.Rf3± 0.63/19]
23...axb5= 24.a6 -0.37/20
[24.b3= -0.01/18]
24...g6∓ 25.axb7 Rb8 26.Ng3 Rxb7 27.b3 cxb3 28.Nxb3 Qc7 29.Na5 Ra7 30.Nc6 Rxa1 31.Qxa1 Nd7 32.Qd1 -0.68/20
[White should try 32.Ne2= 0.00/18]
32...Nc5 -0.01/21
[32...Ra8∓ -0.68/20]
33.h4 -0.60/20
[33.Ne2= -0.01/21]
33...Ra8 -0.19/20
[33...Kg7∓ -0.60/20 is superior.]
34.Ne2= Qd7? 1.26/20
[34...Nh5∓ -0.31/20]
35.Nxf4± exf4 36.Re1 h5

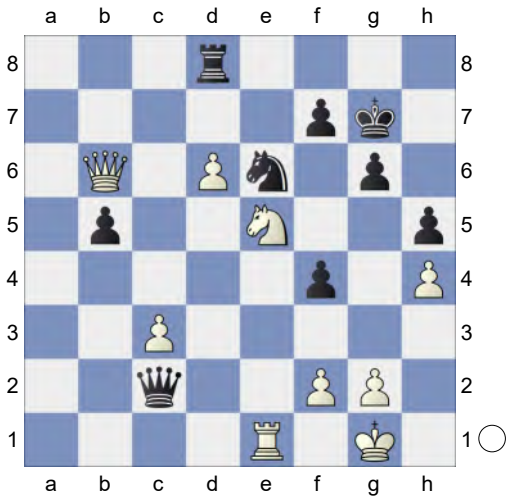
(Diagram)



37.e5 0.23/20
[37.f3!± 1.15/20]
37...dxe5? 3.11/22
[37...Re8!= 0.23/20]
38.Nxe5+- Qf5 39.d6 Rd8 40.Qd5 Ne6



41.Qc6 1.06/21
[41.Qxb5 Rxd6 42.c4 Kg7=]
[41.d7 f6 42.Qd6 fxe5±]
[41.Ra1!+- 2.26/20 and White stays clearly on top.]
41...Kg7± 42.Qb6 Hoping for Ne5xf7! White is much more active.
[Much worse is 42.Qxb5?! Rxd6 43.Qb4 Rd2=]
42...Qc2? 8.42/20
[42...f3± 0.74/20]



43.Nxf7!+- Discovered Attack, Decoy
43...Kxf7
[43...Rd7 44.Nd8]
44.Qb7+
[44.Qxb5 Rxd6 45.Qb7+ Kf6-+]
44...Kg8 45.Rxe6 Re6-e7 would kill now. **45...Qc1+ 46.Kh2 f3 47.Rxg6+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.39
1-0

301 **C50**
□ **Ding,Liren** **2728**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2783**
WCh 2024 Singapore SIN (2.1) 26.11.24
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.a4 d6 7.0-0 h6**
[7...0-0 8.Be3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 Be6 10.Nd2 Nb4 11.a5 d5 12.exd5 Nfxd5 13.Bxd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.e4 Be6 16.Kh1 f6 17.b3 Qe7 18.Qe2 Qc5 19.Nc4 Rad8 20.Ne3 Rd7 21.Qd2 Qd4 22.Ra4 0-1 Boskovic,M (2713)-Osnos,V

(2768) 54/146 Barcelona 1992 (3)]

8.Be3 White has an edge. **8...Be6**

[8...0-0 9.Bxc5 dxc5 10.Nd5 Be6 11.Ne3 Re8 12.Nd2 Bxc4 13.Ndxc4 b5 14.Nd2 Nd4 15.Kh1 Qd7 16.b3 c6 17.f3 Nh5 18.Rf2 Nf4 19.g3 Nh3 20.Rg2 g6 21.Qf1 Qd6 22.Rd1 Rad8 23.Nb1 0-1 Sindarov,J (2677)-Vokhidov,S (2650) Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (3)]

9.a5N

[9.Nd5 Bxe3 10.fxe3 0-0 11.a5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Ne7 13.e4 Ng6 14.Qe1 Qd7 15.Kh1 Rae8 16.b4 Nh5 17.Rb1 f5 18.b5 fxe4 19.dxe4 Qg4 20.bxa6 bxa6 21.Rb3 Rf4 22.h3 Qc8 23.Kh2 Rf6 1-0 Praggnanandhaa,R (2690)-Lazavik,D (2541) PRO League Prelim Chess.com INT rapid 2023 (3.2)]

[9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.d4 exd4 11.Nxd4 Qd7 12.Nxc6 Qxc6 13.Qd3 0-0 14.Bxc5 Qxc5 15.Rad1 Rf7 16.Qd4 Qxd4 17.Rxd4 Nd7 18.a5 Ne5 19.Ne2 g5 20.Nc1 Nc6 21.Ra4 Ne5 22.Nd3 Nxd3 23.cxd3 Raf8 ½-½ Praggnanandhaa,R (2684)-Giri,A (2764) Tata Steel-A 85th Wijk aan Zee 2023 (5) 24.Rb4 c6 25.d4 d5 26.exd5 cxd5 27.Rb6 Re7 28.Re1 Kf7 29.Rc1 Kg6 30.g3 Rf3 31.Rd1 Kf6 32.Kg2 g4 33.h3 h5 34.hxg4 hxg4 35.Rh1 Rd3 36.Rh6+ Kg5 37.Rhxe6 Rxe6 38.Rxe6 Rxd4 ½-½ Ronneland,D (2684)-Grube,J (2764) 65/272 Ljubljana 1995 (5)]

9...Bxc4 10.dxc4 0-0 0.22/21

[10...Bb4!∓ -0.43/22 11.Nd5 Nxe4]

11.Bxc5= dxc5 12.b3 Qxd1 13.Rfxd1 Rad8 14.Rdc1 Nd4 15.Ne1 Rd6 16.Kf1 g6 17.Rd1 Rfd8 18.f3 Kg7 19.Kf2 h5 20.Ne2 Nc6 21.Nc3 Nd4 22.Ne2 0.00/25 **Nc6 23.Nc3** 0.40/21

[23.Rxd6= 0.00/25 deserves consideration. cxd6 24.Nc3]

23...Nd4 Not much happened in this game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise) **24.h4±** 0.45/21

½-½

302 **C54**

□ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu 2727**

■ **Vitiugov,Nikita 2719**

ESP-chT CECLUB Honor (2.4) 17.09.23

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.c3 d6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 a6 8.Nbd2 Ba7N**

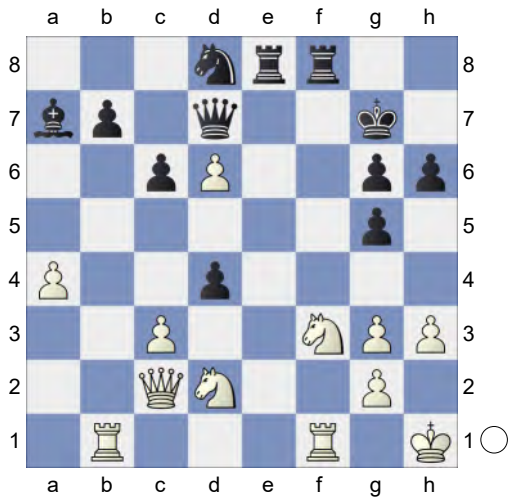
[8...Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.Qb3 Qc8 11.Nc4 0-0 12.Ne3 Qd7 13.Bg3 Nh5 14.Qd1 Nxg3 15.hxg3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Qf7 17.Qe2 Qg6 18.Rh3 Rf7 19.0-0-0 Raf8 20.Qc2 Qg4 21.Rdh1 d5 22.exd5 Nb8 ½-½ Kaasen,T (1554)-Yilmazyerli,M (1574) Jugoslavija 41/224 1986 (5)]

9.0-0 g5 9...Qe7 might become the main line. 9...De7 könnte zur Hauptfortsetzung werden. **10.Bg3** The position is equal. **10...Bg4 11.Kh1 Qd7 12.b4 0-0 13.h3N**

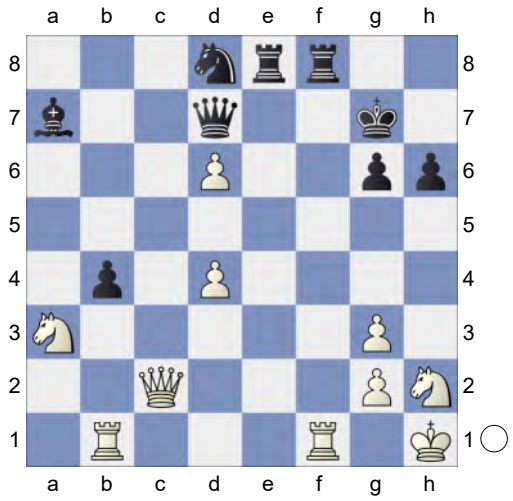
[Vorgänger: 13.Bb3 Rae8 14.Qc2 Bh5 15.a4 Bg6 16.b5 -0.55/21 *(16.a5=* 0.03/19 *)* 16...Nd8 0.14/21 *(*Black should play *16...Na5∓* -0.55/21 *)* 17.Nc4 aiming for Bxe5!. Ne6 18.bxa6 bxa6 19.Rab1 -0.78/18 ;0-1 Gabrielian,A (2464)-Lysyj,I (2603) RUS-chT Blitz 2021 (2.4) *(19.Nfxe5=* 0.01/23 *dxe5 20.Nxe5)*]

13...Bh5 14.a4 Rae8 15.Qc2 Bg6

16.Rab1 Nd8 17.b5 axb5 18.Rxb5 c6 19.Rbb1 -0.33/18
[19.Ra5= 0.08/18 Bb6 20.Ra8]
19...Kg7 20.d4 exd4 0.48/20
[20...Nh5!= -0.20/20]
21.Bd3!± Ne6 0.92/22
[21...Nh5± 0.35/18]
22.e5± Nh5 23.Bxg6
[23.exd6 Bxd3 24.Qxd3 Nef4 25.Bxf4 Nxf4∓]
23...fxg6 24.exd6 Nxg3+ 25.fxg3 Nd8



26.Nc4 0.24/20
[26.cxd4 Qxd6 27.Kh2 Re2±]
[26.Nxd4 Qxd6 27.Rxf8 Qxf8=]
[26.Ne4!± 1.30/21]
26...b5 1.45/25
[26...Qf5!= 0.24/20 27.Qxf5 *(27.Nxd4 Qxf1+ 28.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 29.Kh2 Ree1∓)* 27...Rxf5]
27.axb5 0.53/23
[27.Qxg6+± 1.45/25 Kxg6 28.Nce5+ Rxe5 29.Nxe5+ Discovered Attack Kg7 30.Nxd7 Rxf1+ 31.Rxf1 dxc3 32.Ne5]
27...cxb5± 28.Na3↑ White fights for an advantage. Excellent horsemanship.
28...g4 29.hxg4 White is more active.
[29.Nxd4?! Bxd4 *(29...Qxd6 30.Naxb5 Qxg3 31.Nxa7±; 29...Rxf1+ 30.Rxf1 b4 31.Nab5=)* 30.cxd4 *(30.Rxf8 Rxf8 31.cxd4 Qxd6∓)* 30...Qxd6 *(30...gxh3? 31.Qc7+-; 30...Rxf1+ 31.Rxf1 Qxd6 32.Nxb5=)* 31.Rxf8 *(31.Nxb5 Rxf1+ 32.Rxf1 Qd7±)* 31...Rxf8 32.Nxb5 Qxg3=]
29...Qxg4? 3.29/23
[29...b4± 0.72/22 30.cxb4 Bb8]
30.cxd4+-
[30.Rxb5 Rxf3 31.Rfb1 *(31.Rxf3? Re1+ 32.Kh2 d3-+)* 31...Rf7 *(31...Rxc3? 32.Qa4-+; 31...Rxg3? 32.Rb7+ Kh8 33.Qf2-+)* 32.cxd4 Qxg3-+]
[30.Nxb5 Qh5+ 31.Nh4 g5∓]
30...b4 31.Nh2? 0.22/22
[31.Rxb4 Rxf3 32.gxf3 *(32.Rxf3? Re1+)* 32...Qh3+ 33.Kg1 Qxg3+ 34.Qg2 Qf4=]
[31.Nb5+- 3.27/21]
31...Qd7? 3.13/25
[31...Rxf1+ 32.Rxf1 Qd7 33.Qc7 Qxc7 34.dxc7]
[31...Qxg3= 0.22/22 and Black stays safe. 32.Qc7+ Nf7]



32.Qc7!
[32.Rxb4 Qxd6 *(32...Rxf1+ 33.Nxf1 Qxd6 34.Qb1=)* 33.Rxf8 Rxf8=]
32...Qxc7 33.dxc7 Ne6 34.Nb5
[34.Rxb4 Bxd4 35.Nb5 Be5+-]

34...Rxf1+ 35.Nxf1 Bxd4 36.Nd6
[36.Rxb4 Be5+-]
36...Nxc7 37.Nxe8+ Nxe8 38.Rxb4 Endgame KRN-KBN **38...Bc5 39.Rb5 Bd6 40.Kg1 h5 41.Kf2 Nf6 42.Kf3 Ng4 43.Rb3 Kh6 44.Nd2 Bc7 45.Ne4 Be5 46.Rb5 Bc7 47.Ke2 Be5 48.Kd3 Kg7 49.Rb7+ Kh6 50.Rb6 Kg7 51.Rb5 Kh6 52.Ke2 Kg7 53.Kf3 Nh2+ 54.Ke2?** -0.01/26
[Better is 54.Ke3+- 3.38/28 Ng4+ 55.Kd3]
54...Ng4= 55.Rb3 Kh6 56.Nc5 Kg5 57.Ne4+? -0.01/25
[57.Ne6++- 3.60/24 Kh6 58.Nf4]
57...Kh6! 58.Rf3 Repels Nf6 **58...Nh2 59.Ra3 Ng4 60.Rb3 Nf6 61.Nf2 Ng4 62.Nh3 Nf6 63.Kf3** 1.43/24 Prevents Ne4.
[63.Re3+- 3.19/24 and White stays clearly on top. Ng4 64.Rd3]
63...g5± 64.Nf2 g4+ 65.Ke2 Kg6 66.Ra3 Kf5? 4.01/25
[66...Kf7± 1.57/28 67.Nh1 Kg6]
67.Nd1 2.32/25
[⌓67.Ra5 4.01/25]
67...Ne4 68.Ne3+ Ke6 69.Nf1 Nd6 70.Kd3 Nf5 71.Ra5 Kf6? 5.53/27
[71...Bg7 2.33/28 is more resistant. 72.Ra6+ Ke5]
72.Ke4+- White is clearly winning.
72...Nd6+ 73.Kd5 Nf7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/Black=0.24 (precise)
74.Ra6+
1-0

303 **C50**
□ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2727**
■ **Grischuk,A.** **2732**
Tata Steel IND Blitz Open (15.2) 09.09.23
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3 h6 6.a3 d6 7.Na4** now scores much better than the old 7.h3. punktet besser als das ältere 7. h3. **7...Bb6 8.h3 Be6** The position is equal. **9.Bxe6**
[9.Bb5 0-0 10.c3 Ne7 11.Nxb6 axb6 12.Ba4 Ng6 13.0-0 d5 14.Bc2 b5 15.d4 Nxe4 16.dxe5 c6 17.Qe2 Re8 18.Re1 Qc7 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.f3 Nc5 21.f4 Ne4 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.Qxe4 c5 1-0 Fedoseev,V (2680)-Mamedyarov,S (2738) ChessKid Cup Div 2 W rapid 2023 (5.5)]
9...fxe6 10.0-0 Qd7N
[10...0-0 11.b4 Qe8 12.c3 *(12.c4 Nd4 13.Nxb6 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 axb6 15.Qe2 Qg6 16.Ra2 Nh5 17.Qg4 Kh7 18.Qxg6+ Kxg6 19.a4 Nf6 20.Be3 Nd7 21.Rfa1 Nb8 22.a5 bxa5 23.Rxa5 Rxa5 24.Rxa5 Na6 25.b5 Nb4 26.Ra3 c5* 1-0 Panov Botvinnik Attack (2792)-Deslandes,P (2820) Biel MTO op 2005 (2)*)* 12...Kh8 13.Ra2 Qf7 14.Re1 Rad8 15.Nxb6 axb6 16.a4 Ne7 17.a5 Ra8 18.Qb3 bxa5 19.Rxa5 Ng6 20.d4 Nd7 21.Be3 b6 22.Ra2 Rxa2 23.Qxa2 exd4 24.cxd4 Nf6 25.Qc2 0-1 Kosteniuk,A (2521)-Goryachkina, A (2584) Candidates (Women) Pool-B 2022 (1.3)]
11.c3N
[Vorgänger: 11.Nxb6 axb6 12.Re1 0-0 13.Nh4 Qf7 14.Re3 Rad8 15.Rg3 -1.10/19 *(15.Nf3=* -0.22/15

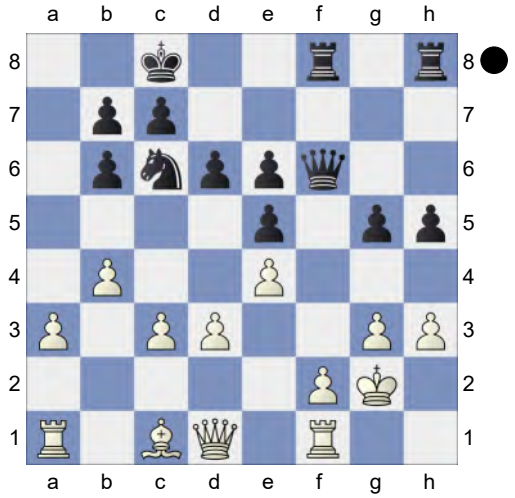
remains equal.) 15...Qh5 -0.39/20 (Better is *15...Nh5∓* -1.10/19 *16.Rf3 Nf4*) 16.Qe1? -4.11/15 (*16.Qxh5∓* -0.39/20 *Nxh5 17.Rg4*) 16...Qxh4-+ 17.Qe3 0-1 Gossing,M (762)-Pflugradt, N (1120) GER-ch U10 Willingen 2015 (6)]

11...g5 0.45/20

[11...0-0= 0.08/17]

12.Nh2± 0-0-0 13.b4 Qg7 14.Ng4 h5 15.Nxf6 Qxf6 16.Nxb6+ axb6 17.g3 Rdf8 18.Kg2 -0.25/19

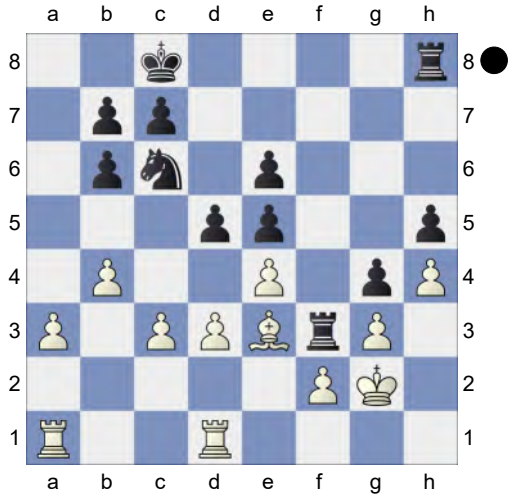
[18.a4± 0.43/16]



18...g4!= 19.h4 Qf3+ 20.Qxf3 Rxf3 21.Rd1 White is weak on the light squares **21...d5 22.Be3** -1.76/19

[22.b5∓ -0.57/18 Na5 23.Ra2]

(Diagram)



22...d4!-+ 23.cxd4 -3.06/19

[⌓23.Bg5 -1.88/19]

23...exd4 24.Bf4 e5 25.Bg5 Nd8 -1.49/20

[25...Rhf8 26.Ra2∓]

[25...Kd7-+ -2.74/19 26.Rab1 b5]

26.Bxd8∓ Rxd8 Endgame KRR-KRR

27.a4 Kd7 -1.08/19

[⌓27...Rd6 -1.51/20 28.b5 Rdf6]

28.Rd2 Ra8 -1.13/20

[⌓28...Rdf8 -1.50/21 29.Ra3 Rd8]

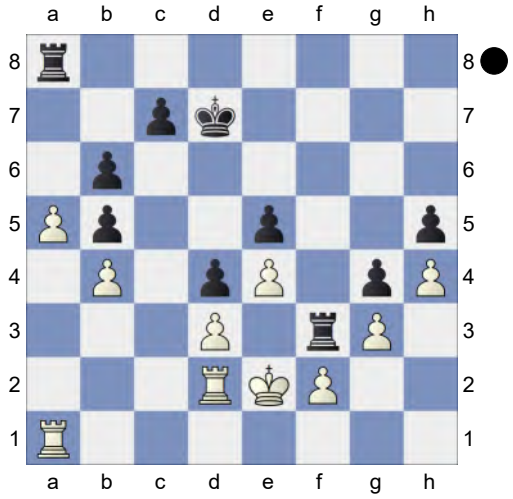
29.Kf1 b5 -0.69/21 Black is more active.

[29...Rf6∓ -1.06/20 30.Rc2 c6]

30.a5∓ b6↑ White is under pressure.

31.Ke2? -3.99/24

[31.Rda2∓ -0.48/20]



31...bxa5!-+ Deflection **32.bxa5 c5?** -0.83/20

[32...c6-+ -3.31/22 has better winning chances. ...Kd6 is the strong threat. 33.Rb2 Kd6]

33.a6∓ c4 34.Ra5? -4.04/18

[34.dxc4∓ -1.12/17 was forced. bxc4 35.Rda2]

34...c3 35.Rd1 -9.82/21

[35.Rda2 -3.30/18 Raf8 *(35...Kc6 36.a7=)* 36.Ke1]

35...Kc6 36.Rb1 Rh8? 0.01/25

[36...Raf8-+ -14.48/25 37.Rf1 Kb6]

37.Rf1 -14.18/23

[37.Raxb5= 0.01/25 Rhf8 38.Rb6+ *(38.Rxe5?* is the wrong capture. *Rxf2+ 39.Kd1 c2+ 40.Kc1 cxb1Q+-+)* 38...Kc7 39.Rb7+ Kc6 40.R1b6+ Kc5 41.Ke1 *(41.Rb5+ Kd6=)*]

37...Kb6-+ 38.Raa1 Ra8 39.Rfb1 Rxa6 40.Rxa6+ Kxa6 KR-KR. Black is a pawn up. **41.Ra1+ Kb6 42.Ra8 b4** (→ ...Kb5) **43.Re8 Kb5 44.Rxe5+ Ka4** (→ ...b3) **45.Rd5 b3 46.Rxd4+ Ka3** (→ ...b2) **47.Rd8** Weighted Error Value: White=1.09/Black=0.58 **47...c2** -27.67/25

[⌂47...b2 -#15/21 48.Ra8+ Kb3 49.e5 b1Q *(49...b1B? 50.Rb8+ Kc2 51.Rd8-+)* 50.Rb8+ Kc2 51.Rxb1 Kxb1 52.e6 c2 53.e7 c1Q *(53...c1R 54.e8Q=)* 54.e8Q Qc2+ 55.Ke1 Qxf2+ 56.Kd1 Rxd3#]

0-1

304 **C54**

□ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu 2727**

■ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi 2716**

Tata Steel India blitz (7) 08.09.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.c3 Nf6N**

[5...Bb6 6.0-0 *(6.a4 Nf6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3* #1 2) Italian - Fast & Furious-3...Bc5 4.d3 d6*)* 6...h6 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Bb3 a5 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 20.Nb1 0-1 Firouzja,A (2785)-Pultinevicius,P (2561) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early blitz 2022 (4) Ne4 21.Nc3 Nxc3 22.Rxc3 Qd6 23.Rac1 Rf7 24.R1c2 Rf4 25.Re3 Qf6 26.Rd3 Re8 27.Rc5 Qd6 28.Rcc3 Rfe4 29.g3 Re2 30.Rd2 Rxd2 31.Qxd2 Qg6 32.Kg2 Qb1 33.Rc1 Qf5 34.Rc3 Qb1 35.h4 0-1 Firouzja,A (2785)-So,W (2760) Bucharest Superbet Classic 3rd 2023 (1)]

6.Nbd2 0-0 7.h3 Bb6 Recently 7...a5 got a lot of attention. 7...a5 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. **8.Bb3 Be6 9.0-0 Bxb3 10.Qxb3 d5** Prevents Nc4 **11.exd5N**

[Vorgänger: 11.Qc2 Qd7 12.b4 dxe4 13.dxe4 Qe6 14.Qb3 Qxb3 15.axb3 Rfe8 0.47/23 *(15...a6=* 0.01/23 might be stronger.*)* 16.Re1 Nh5 0.82/23 *(16...a5=* 0.18/23 *)* 17.Nc4 and b5 would now be decisive f6 1.23/24 1-0 Krause,B (2447)-Huesmann,T (2129) Pfalz op 10th 2019 (5) *(*Black should try *17...a6!*± 0.56/23 *)*]

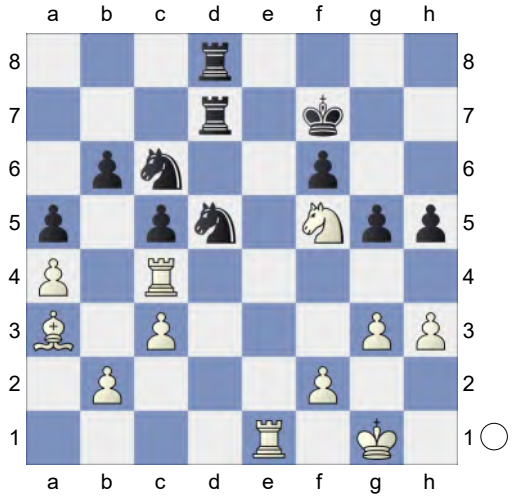
11...Qxd5 The position is equal. **12.Qxd5 Nxd5 13.Nc4 f6 14.a4 a5 15.Nxb6 Nxb6 16.Be3 Nd5 17.Rfe1 Rad8 18.Rad1 Rd7 19.d4 exd4 20.Bxd4 Rfd8 21.Bc5 b6 22.Ba3 Kf7 23.Re4 g5 24.g3** Inhibits Nf4. **24...h6 25.Rde1 h5 26.Rc4 Nb8** White is now going downhill. **27.Nd4?** -1.63/24

[27.b4= -0.01/22]

27...c5-+ 28.Nf5 -4.08/23

[28.Nf3∓ -1.05/20 was the crucial defense.]

28...Nc6



29.Rce4 -4.85/22

[29.Bxc5 -3.30/21 was worth a try. bxc5 30.Rxc5]

29...Ne5 30.Kg2 Wards off Nf3 **30...Kg6 31.Ne3 Nxe3+ 32.R1xe3 Kf5** -2.39/25

[⌓32...Rd2 -5.02/22 33.Kf1 Rc2]

33.Re2? -4.86/24

[33.b4 -2.39/25 axb4 34.cxb4]

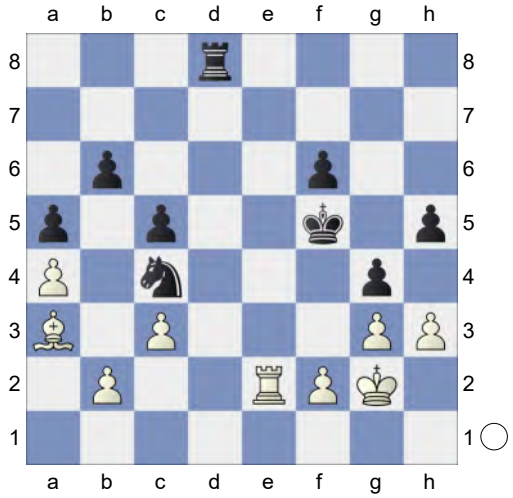
33...Rd3 34.R4e3 -6.64/24

[⌓34.f4 -4.35/24 gxf4 35.Rxf4+ Kg6 36.Ref2]

34...Rxe3 35.Rxe3 Endgame KRB-KRN **35...Nc4 36.Re2 g4**

[36...Rd3? 37.g4+ hxg4 38.hxg4+ Kg6 39.Re6-+]

(Diagram)



37.hxg4+ hxg4 38.Re7 -7.17/25

[⌓38.f3 -4.37/26 gxf3+ 39.Kxf3]

38...Rd1 39.Rc7 Ne5 (→ ...Nf3) **40.Rh7 Nf3 41.Rh1** Prevents Rg1+ **41...Ne1+ 42.Kh2 Ke4 43.b4 Nf3+** -4.05/5

[⌓43...axb4 -22.34/34 (→ ...Nf3+) 44.cxb4 Kf3]

44.Kg2 Rxh1 Black is clearly winning. **45.Kxh1 Kd5**

[Stronger than 45...axb4 46.cxb4 cxb4 *(46...c4 47.a5=)* 47.Bxb4=]

46.bxa5 bxa5 47.Kg2 Nd2 Strongly threatening ...Kc4. **48.Kg1 Kc4 49.Bc1** Weighted Error Value: White=1.09/ Black=0.41 **49...Kxc3**

0-1

305 **C54**

□ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu 2727**

■ **Harikrishna,Pentala 2711**

Tata Steel India blitz (5) 08.09.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**

[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5

12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]

5...d6N

[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3)]

6.Nbd2 a5 7.h3 7.Nf1 gains popularity. 7.Sf1 wird beliebter. **7...h6 8.Nf1 Ba7** The position is equal. **9.Bb3 Be6N**

[Vorgänger: 9...Ne7 10.Ng3 Ng6 11.0-0 0-0 12.d4 c6 13.Re1 Re8 14.Be3 Qc7 15.Qd2 Strongly threatening Bxh6!. Kh7 1-0 Andriasian,Z (2625)-Makhnev,D (2507) Wch Blitz Almaty 2022 (5)]

10.Bc2 -0.21/21

[⌓10.Ng3 0.19/20]

10...d5= Threatens to win with ...dxe4.

11.exd5 Qxd5 12.Ng3 0-0 0.04/21

[12...0-0-0∓ -0.50/21]

13.0-0 Rfe8 14.Re1 Rad8 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Rxe3 Qd6 17.Qd2 Nd5 18.Ree1 Kh8 0.30/20

[18...Nf4∓ -0.32/19]

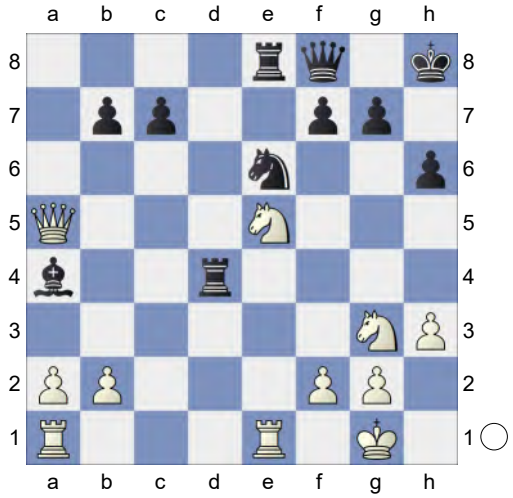
19.Ne4 Qf8 20.Ba4↑ White is pushing.

20...Bd7 21.Ng3 Nf4 22.d4 Nxd4 0.97/25 **23.cxd4** 0.52/20

[23.Bxd7? Nxf3+ 24.gxf3 Re7-+]

[Better is 23.Nxe5± 0.97/25 Rxe5 24.Rxe5 Nf3+ 25.gxf3 Nxh3+ 26.Kh2 Bxa4 27.Qe3]

23...Bxa4± 24.Nxe5 Ne6 25.Qxa5 Rxd4



26.b3! White is more active. **26...b6?** 3.13/25

[26...Bc6± 0.84/22]

27.Qc3+- Bb5 28.Nf5 1.56/22

[28.a4+- 3.27/26 and White stays clearly on top.]

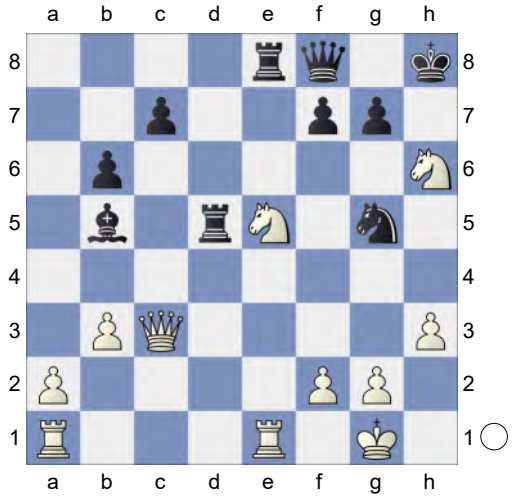
A mistake that costs the game. **28...Rd5** 5.02/24

[28...Qb4± 1.56/22 is tougher. 29.Nxf7+ Kh7]

29.Nxh6 Excellent horsemanship. White is clearly winning. **29...Ng5** 9.45/22

[⌓29...Nf4 4.90/25 30.Nhxf7+ Kg8]

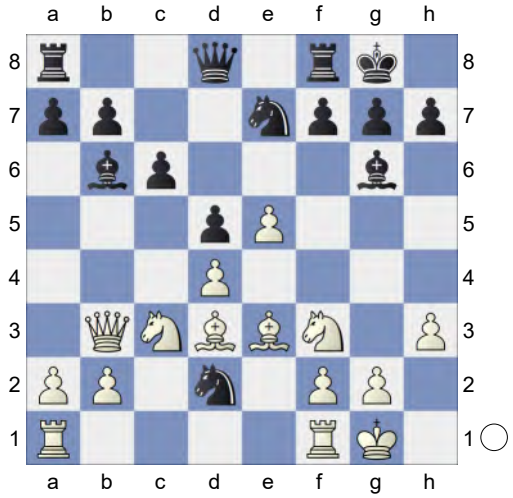
(Diagram)



Prevents Qf3 **30.Nhxf7+!** Double Attack **30...Kg8 31.Nxg5 Rc5 32.Qg3 Qf6 33.Nef3 Rd8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.82 **34.Ne4**
1-0

306 **C54**
□ **Wei,Yi** **2726**
■ **Ivanchuk,Vassily** **2667**
FIDE World Cup (3.4) 07.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4**
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...exd4 6.e5N
[6.0-0 dxc3 7.Nxc3 0-0 8.Bg5 d6 9.Re1 Re8 10.h3 h6 11.Bh4 a6 12.Nd5 Re6 13.Nxc7 Qxc7 14.Bxe6 Bxe6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qd2 Bb4 17.Qxh6 Bxe1 18.Rxe1 Qe7 19.Qh4 Nb4 20.e5 Nc2 1-0 4.♘g5 ♗c5 / 4...d5 5.ed5-Mecking 31/643 London 1980 (11) 21.Re2 Rc8 22.exf6 Qf8 23.Qg5+ Kh8 24.Qh5+ Kg8 25.Ng5 Bf5 26.Nxf7 Bh7 27.Qg5+ Kxf7 28.Re7+ Qxe7 29.fxe7 Nd4 30.Qd5+ Ne6 31.Qxb7 Rc1+ 32.Kh2 Bg6 33.Qd7 Kf6 34.Qxd6 a5 35.f4 Bh5 1-0 4.♘g5 ♗c5 / 4...d5 5.ed5 d-Mecking 31/643 London 1980 (11) 36.f5 Kxf5 37.g4+ Kg5 38.gxh5 Rc2+ 39.Kg1 Rc1+ 40.Kf2 Rc2+ 41.Ke3 Rc1 42.Qd2 Rc8 43.Qd7 Rc1 44.e8Q Re1+ 45.Kd2 Nc5 46.Qg6+ Kf4 47.Qdf5# 1-0 Snijders, P-Wigboldus,D Hengelo U12 op 2002 (11)]
6...d5 7.Bb5 Ne4 8.cxd4 Bb6
8...Bb6 is better than 8...Bb4+. 8...Lb6 ist besser als 8...Lb4+. **9.Nc3 0-0 10.Be3 Bg4 11.h3 Bh5 12.Qc2**
The position is equal. **12...Bg6**
[12...Bxf3 is interesting. 13.gxf3 Ng5 14.Bxc6 Nxf3+ 15.Ke2 Nxd4+ 16.Bxd4 Bxd4 17.Bxd5 Bxc3 18.Rhd1 Bxe5 19.Bxf7+ Rxf7 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Qb3 Bf4]
13.Qb3 Ne7 14.0-0 c6 15.Bd3 Nd2



Discovered Attack **16.Nxd2 Bxd3**

17.Rfe1 Nf5 18.Na4 Bc4 19.Qc3 Ba5!?N A strong pair of Bishops. An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung.

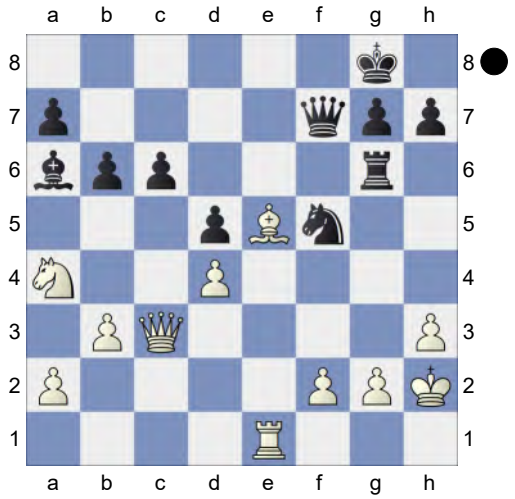
[Vorgänger: 19...Bb5 0.83/22 19...Ba5 0.28 20.Nc5 Bxc5 21.Qxc5 Qe7 22.Qc3 0.60/21 *(22.Qc2± 0.96/22 Qe6 23.a4)* 22...Rfe8 1.01/21 *(22...b6± 0.60/21)* 23.a4± Ba6 24.b4 Rac8 25.Qb3 Strongly threatening b5. b6 ½-½ Kovalev,V (2639)-Safarli,E (2639) Wch Blitz Riadh 2017 (1)]

20.Qc2 Bxd2 21.Qxd2 b6 22.b3 Ba6 23.Rad1 Qd7 24.Bf4 Rae8 25.Qc3 -0.08/23

[25.Nc3± 0.31/21 deserves consideration.]

25...f6 26.exf6 Rxf6 27.Rxe8+ Qxe8 28.Re1 Dodges Qe4 **28...Qf7 29.Be5 Rg6 30.Kh2** -1.49/23

[30.Qf3= -0.01/24 remains equal.]



30...c5! Now White is beyond hope.

31.Qf3? -3.47/25

[31.dxc5 d4 32.Qc1 *(32.Bxd4? Bb7-+)* 32...Bb7=]

[31.Qd2∓ -1.25/21]

[31.Kh1 h6]

31...Nxd4-+

[Weaker is 31...cxd4 32.g4 Nd6 *(32...Nh4 33.Qxf7+ Kxf7 34.Kg3∓)* 33.Qxf7+ Kxf7 34.Bxd4=]

32.Qxf7+ Kxf7 33.Bxd4 Black is clearly winning. **33...cxd4** Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **34.Rd1 Rc6 35.Rxd4 Ke6** and ...Rc2 should not be overlooked **36.Nb2 Rc2 37.Nd1 Rxa2 38.Nc3 Rxf2 39.Nxd5 Ke5 40.Rd1 Bb7 41.Ne3 Re2 42.Rd7 Be4**

[Less strong is 42...Rxe3 43.Re7+ Kd4 44.Rxb7∓]

43.Nc4+ Kf6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.04 (flawless) **44.Nd6**

0-1

307 **C54**

□ **Aronian,Levon** **2725**

■ **Artemiev,Vladislav** **2711**

Chessable Masters 2024 | Division 2 (3.4)

[Mon Hokmome]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4** Kitty Kat **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0**

[RR 5.Nc3 d6 6.a3 a6 7.0-0 Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Be3 h6 10.b4 Ba7 11.Nd5 g5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Kg2 Nh7 14.Bxa7 Rxa7 15.Nd2 Nf8 16.Ne3 Nd4 17.c3 Nde6 18.Rh1 Nf4+ 19.Kg1 c6]

5...d6 6.c3 a5 Nowadays more popular than 6...0-0. Heutzutage beliebter als 6...0-0. **7.Re1 Ba7**

[RR 7...0-0 8.h3 Ba7 9.Na3 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Nb5 Bb6 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Rxe3 d5 14.Re1 d4 *(RR 14...Qd7)* 15.cxd4 exd4

A) RR 16.e5 Nd5 17.Re4 *(RR 17.Nbxd4 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Nf4)*;

B) 16.Qa4 Nh5

B1) RR 17.Nfxd4 Qh4 18.Qc2 *(RR 18.Nxe6 Qxf2+ 19.Kh1 Ne5)* 18...Nb4;

B2) 17.Nbxd4 Nf4 *(RR 17...Nxd4 18.Qxd4 Qxd4 19.Nxd4 Nf4)* 18.Nxc6 bxc6

B2a) RR 19.Qxc6 Nxh3+ 20.gxh3 *(RR 20.Kh2 Nxf2 21.Rf1 Ng4+ 22.Kg1 Qf6)* 20...Rxf3 21.Qxe6+ Kh8;

B2b) 19.Re3 Qf6 20.Qc2 *(RR 20.Qxc6 Rab8)* 20...Rab8

B2b1) RR 21.Qxc6 Qg6 22.Ne1 *(RR 22.Qxc7 Qxg2#)* 22...Rxb2;

B2b2) RR 21.Rb1;

B2b3) 21.d4 Rb5 *(RR 21...c5)*

B2b31) RR 22.Qxc6 Rxb2 23.Qa6 *(RR 23.Qxc7 Qg6)* 23...c5;

B2b32) 22.Ne5 Priansh,D (2311)-Wafa,H (2359) Doha QAT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (36)RR 22...c5]

8.Nbd2 0-0 The position is equal.

9.Nf1N

[RR 9.h3 Be6 10.Bb5 Ne7 11.Ba4 Ng6 12.d4 Nh5 *(RR 12...h6 13.Bc2 Re8 14.Nf1 exd4 15.cxd4 c5 16.d5 Bd7 17.a4 Qc8 18.Ng3 c4)* 13.Nf1 Nhf4 14.Bc2 Qd7 15.Ne3 exd4 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.cxd4 d5 18.exd5 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Qd3 a4 21.Bd2 Rfd8 22.a3 c5 23.Be3 Qc8 Odeeva,K (2188)-Glatthaar,M (2448) ICCF 2018 ½-½]

9...h6N

[9...Be6 10.Bb5 Ne7

A) 11.Ng3 Ng6 *(11...c6 12.Ba4 Ng6 13.d4 exd4 14.cxd4 d5 15.e5 Ne4 16.Bc2 Bg4 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Rxe4 Bxf3 19.Qxf3 Bxd4 20.Qf5 c5 21.Be3 Bxb2 22.Rd1 Bd4 23.Bxd4 cxd4 24.Rexd4 Qe7 25.Rd7 Qxe5 26.Rxb7* Navara,D (2676)-Narayanan,S (2663) Deutschland 155/116 2022 [Perunovic,Milos] 1-0 (55)*)* 12.h3 c6 13.Ba4 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.d4 exd4 16.Nxd4 Qc7 Duda,J (2743)-Carlsen,M (2862) Wijk aan Zee 2021;

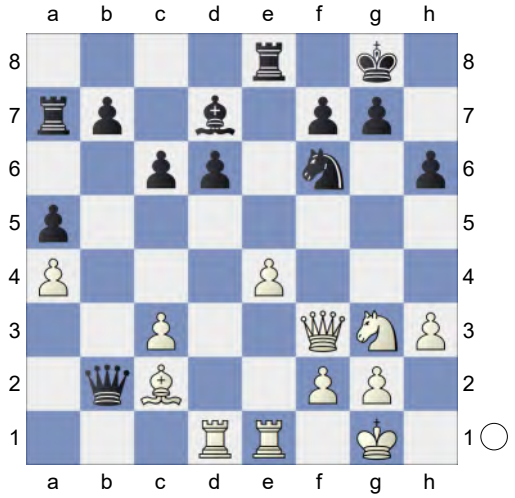
B) 11.d4 Ng6 12.Ng3 c6 13.Bf1 Bg4 14.Be3 Re8 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 d5 17.Bg5 exd4 18.Nh5 dxe4 19.Rxe4 Rxe4 20.Bxf6 Qd5 21.c4 Re3 22.Qxd5 cxd5 23.fxe3 gxf6 24.Nxf6+ Italian Mainlines-Giuoco Pianissimo,5]

10.Ng3 Re8 11.h3 Be6 12.Bb5 Bd7 13.a4 Ne7 14.d4 Ng6 15.Be3N

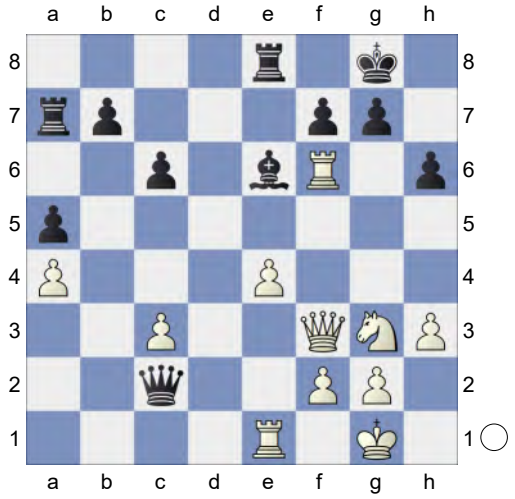
[Vorgänger: 15.Bd3 0.01/21 15.Bb5-c4 0.33 c6 16.Be3 Qc7 17.Qc2 b5 0.55/16 *(17...Be6=* 0.22/20 feels stronger.*)* 18.axb5± cxb5 19.Qd2 Bc6 20.Nh2 -0.05/19 *(*Better is *20.Qc1±* 0.76/20 *)* 20...d5= 21.dxe5 -0.81/23 *(21.exd5=* 0.14/22 *Nxd5 22.Bxg6 fxg6 23.Nf3)* 21...Nxe5 -0.14/22 *(21...Bxe3∓* -0.81/23 *22.Rxe3 Nxe5)* 22.Bxa7= And now Ba7-d4 would win. Nxd3 23.Qxd3 -0.55/24 *(23.Bd4!=* -0.01/24 *Nxe1 24.Bxf6)* 23...dxe4 0-1 Santos Ruiz,M (2581)-Pichot,A (2641) ESP-chT Rapid 2022 (8)]

15...exd4 16.Bxd4 c6 17.Bd3 Ne5 18.Bxa7 Rxa7 19.Bc2 Nxf3+ 20.Qxf3 Qb6 21.Rad1 Qxb2

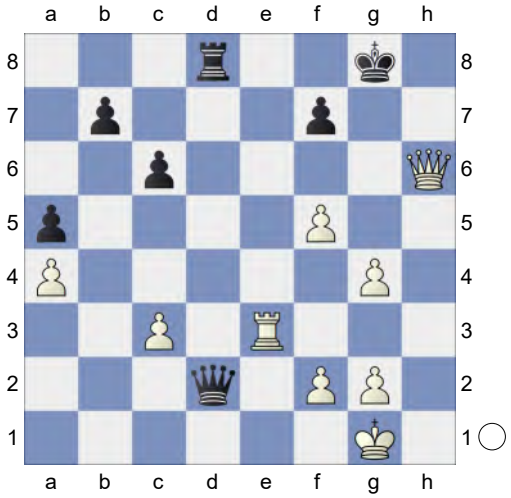
(Diagram)



22.Rxd6! Qxc2 23.Rxf6 Be6? 2.41/23
[23...gxf6= 0.12/22 and Black has nothing to worry. 24.Nh5 Re6]



Loses the game. **24.Qe3!+-** Threatens to win with Ng3-h5! **24...gxf6?** 9.67/24
[24...Bc4 2.76/23 25.Nh5 Qd3]
[24...Bc8 25.Nh5]
25.Qxh6 Bg4 26.hxg4 White threatens Ng3-h5 and mate. **26...Re5 27.Nf5 Rxf5 28.exf5** Endgame KQR-KQR **28...Ra8** Inhibits Re1-e8+. **29.Qxf6 Qd2** Inhibits Qf6-g5+. **30.Re3** Qf6-g5+ would kill now. **30...Rd8** #9/20
[30...Qd1++- 4.64/26 31.Kh2 Qd8]
31.Qg5+ Kf8 32.Qh6+ Kg8
(Diagram)



33.Re8+!! 6.51/5 **Rxe8 34.Qxd2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.57
1-0

308 **C53**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2722**
■ **Ding,Liren** **2811**
85th Tata Steel Masters (5.4) 19.01.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5** Kosten,Tony: '8...g5 has become a bit dusty these days.' Kosten,Tony: '8...g5 ist ein bisschen altmodisch geworden.' **9.Bg3 a5 10.Re1**
[10.a4 was played in Vachier Lagrave, M-Gledura,B, see Victor's annotations.]
10...Ba7
[10...Nh7 11.d4 Bb6 12.dxe5 h5 13.h4 Bg4 14.Nbd2 Nxe5 15.Be2 Nxf3+ 16.Nxf3 Bxf3 was analysed in Van Foreest,J-Ding, L. *(16...Re8* Karjakin,S-Ding,L, also in the Archive. *)*]

[10...Re8 Aronian, L-Radjabov,T in the Archive.]

11.Nbd2

[11.Na3 Bg4 is Giri,A-Eljanov,P, *(11...Nh7* Vachier Lagrave,M-Ding,L, both in the PGN Archive. *)*]

11...Nh7 12.d4 Kosten,Tony: 'A logical thrust in the centre.'

[12.h3 is more popular.]

[12.Nf1 is well met by h5]

12...g4 Kosten,Tony: 'N!?' Kosten,Tony: 'A strong, forcing, novelty, although Black also has some good alternatives:'

[Predecessor: 12...h5 was previously played against Erigaisi, 13.h3 h4 14.Bh2 g4!? *(14...Qf6)* 15.hxg4 Bxg4 16.Be2 Qf6 17.Nc4 exd4?! *(17...Bxf3 18.Bxf3 Ng5 19.Bh5 exd4* is an improvement.*)* 18.e5! a thematic thrust in similar lines, dxe5?! *(18...Qg7)* 19.Ncxe5 Bxf3 20.Bxf3 Black's position is a mess, Erigaisi,A (2725)-Le,Q (2728) chess24.com INT 2022, 1-0 (41). Black should try to avoid this sort of outcome when he advances the pawns in front of his king. dxc3 1-0 Erigaisi,A (2725)-Le,Q (2728) Julius Baer GenCup KO rapid 2022 (2.12)]

[12...exd4 13.e5! dxc3 14.bxc3 g4 *(14...Kh8!?* to play ...f7-f5.*)* 15.Bh4 Ng5 16.Nxg5 hxg5 17.Ne4 gxh4 18.Nf6+ Kg7 19.Qd2 Udvardi,Z (2280)-To,N (2308) Budapest 2022, 1-0 (31), should lead to a draw by repetition after any sensible move, e.g. Nxe5 20.Qg5+ Ng6 21.Nh5+ Kh7 22.Nf6+]

13.Nh4 exd4 14.Rb1 Kosten,Tony: 'Not the most natural move, but it might be played to try to avoid Black's obvious preparation.' **14...Ne5** 0.19/19

[⌓14...Re8 -0.25/19]

15.Bb3 -0.38/19

[White should try 15.cxd4= 0.19/19 Bxd4 16.Nf5 Bxf5 17.exf5 h5 18.Ne4 c5 is playable for Black who has a good grip on a lot of dark squares.]

15...dxc3 0.06/20

[15...d3∓ -0.38/19 Kosten,Tony: '!?' Kosten,Tony: 'has its points.']

16.bxc3= h5 Kosten,Tony: '!?' **17.Nf5** -0.70/20 Kosten,Tony: '?' Kosten,Tony: 'While it's normal to want to bring the offside knight back into the game, this allows Black to exchange an undeveloped piece for one that's already moved 3 times.'

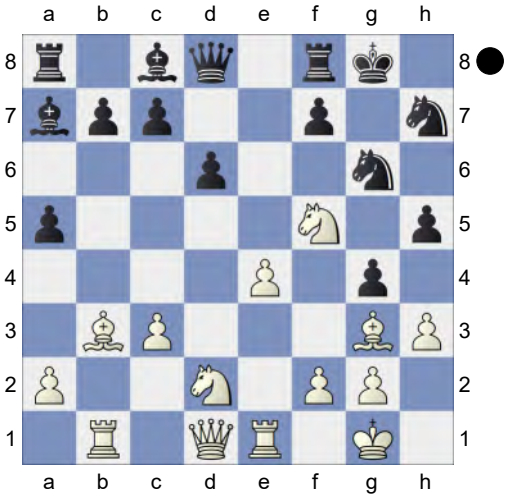
[17.a4= 0.14/18]

17...Ng6 0.01/19 Kosten,Tony: '?!' Kosten,Tony: 'Black returns the favour.'

[17...Nd3∓ -0.70/20 Kosten,Tony: '!' Kosten,Tony: 'is awkward, as' 18.Rf1 *(18.Re2? Bxf5 19.exf5 h4)* 18...Bxf5 19.exf5 Nc5 Kosten,Tony: 'leaves Black a pawn up with the better position.']

[17...Bxf5 is also good, 18.Bxe5 *(18.exf5 Nd3)* 18...dxe5 19.exf5 Qg5 20.Ne4 Qxf5]

18.h3



a4! Kosten,Tony: 'Trying to force the

bishop from the a2-g8 diagonal.'

[18...h4? is a mistake, as White can simply answer 19.Bxh4 Nxh4 20.Qxg4+ as Ng6?? 21.Qxg6+]

19.Bc4

[19.Bxa4? Kosten,Tony: 'loses as now' h4 20.Bh2 *(20.Bxh4 Nxh4 21.Qxg4+ Ng6* wins - the f7-pawn is no longer pinned.*)* 20...g3 21.Nxg3 hxg3 22.Bxg3 Qg5-+]

19...d5 Kosten,Tony: '!?' Kosten,Tony: 'Starting an interesting forcing sequence. '

[19...Nf6 is simple and good, Black can pressure the e4-pawn, or bring his f6-knight to e5 or c5.]

20.Bxd5 Bxf5 1.05/20

[20...c6!= -0.01/21 Kosten,Tony: '!?' Kosten,Tony: 'with the idea' 21.hxg4 *(21.Bc4 b5∓)* 21...h4 *(21...cxd5 22.gxh5 Bxf5 23.exf5∓; 21...hxg4 22.Bc4 b5 23.Qxg4* is unclear.*)* 22.Bxf7+ Decoy Rxf7 23.Nh6+ Kg7 24.Nxf7 Kxf7]

21.exf5±

[21.Bxb7? Be6 22.Bxa8 h4-+ *(22...Qxa8? 23.h4-+)*]

21...Qxd5 22.fxg6 fxg6 23.hxg4 Kosten,Tony: 'Material is equal but Black's kingside is loose. On the other hand Black's pieces are active and he has pressure on f2.' **23...Nf6** 1.13/21

[⚠23...Qd3 0.77/21 Kosten,Tony: '!?' Kosten,Tony: 'with a nasty threat to take on g3.' 24.Ne4 *(24.Bxc7? Bxf2+ 25.Kh2 Bxe1-+)* 24...Qxd1 25.Rexd1 *(25.Rbxd1 hxg4 26.Rd7 Rae8±)* 25...Rae8 *(25...Rfe8 26.Re1±)*]

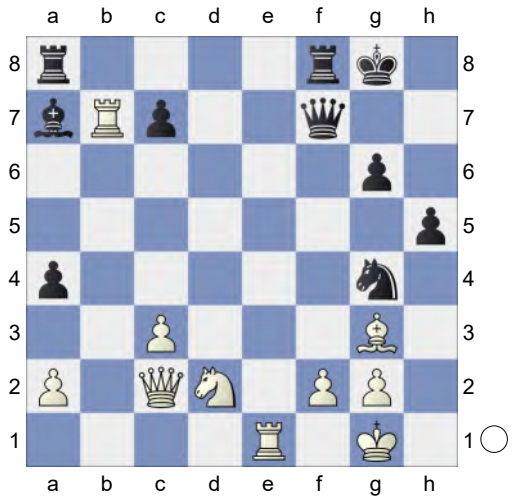
24.Qc2

[24.Bxc7? Bxf2+ *(24...Qxa2 25.gxh5 Nxh5 26.Bb6±; 24...Nxg4 25.Ne4∓)* 25.Kh1 *(25.Kxf2? Qc5+ 26.Ke2 Nd5-+)* 25...Bxe1-+ *(25...Qxa2? 26.Re2-+; 25...hxg4? 26.Re7-+; 25...Nxg4? 26.Re2-+)*]

24...Qf7 25.Rxb7

[25.g5 Ng4 26.Nf3 Bb6 27.Re4]

25...Nxg4



26.Nf3 -0.01/21 Active counter play!

[26.Qxa4? Bxf2+ 27.Kh1 Rxa4-+]

[26.Ne4!± 0.92/22 Kosten,Tony: '!' Kosten,Tony: 'also defends f2, but also controls c5, then' Bb6 27.c4 with advantage.]

26...Bb6= Kosten,Tony: '!' Kosten,Tony: 'Trapping the rook, now Black is back in the game again.' **27.c4** aiming for c5. **27...Ra5** Kosten,Tony: '!' Kosten,Tony: 'Black controls c5 and puts an end to ideas of c4-c5.' **28.Rb1** Threatens to win with R1xb6. **28...Qf6** Kosten,Tony: 'Defending b6 and unpinning the c-pawn. ' **29.Bxc7** -0.72/22 Kosten,Tony: '?!' Kosten,Tony: 'Very risky, leaving the defence of f2.'

[29.Qe4= -0.01/19 keeps the balance.]

[29.Re1]

29...Bxf2+∓ 30.Kh1 Rf5 Kosten,Tony: 'Now the threat is ...Rxf3 with mate to follow.' **31.Qe4** Kosten,Tony: '!' Kosten, Tony: 'The only chance.' **31...Rxf3**

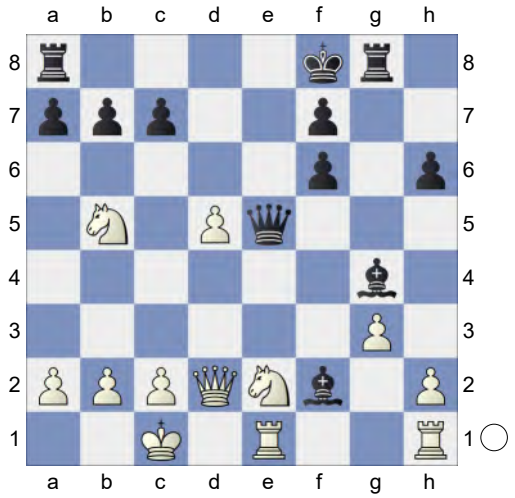
-0.01/24
[Black should play 31...Bd4∓ -1.07/23 (→ ...Qh4+!) 32.Bg3 *(32.Qxd4? Qxd4-+)* 32...h4]
32.Qd5+= Kosten,Tony: '!'
[32.Qxf3? perishes. Kosten,Tony: 'loses:' Qh4+ 33.Qh3 Be1-+ Kosten,Tony: '!!' 34.Qxh4 Rf1#]
32...Rf7
[32...Kh8 33.Qxf3 Qh4+ 34.Qh3 and now Be1 is met by 35.Be5+! Nxe5 36.Rb8 and White defends.]
33.Bd8! Kosten,Tony: 'Again the only move.' **33...Qf4 34.Bc7!** Chess con chili. **34...Qf6 35.Bd8! Qf4? 36.Bc7!∓ Qf6 37.Bd8! Rf5 38.Bxf6N Rxd5 39.Rb8+ Rf8** The position is equal. **40.cxd5 Nxf6 41.Rxf8+ Kxf8** ½-½ Erigaisi,A (2722)-Ding,L (2811) Tata Steel-A 85th 2023 (5) Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) / Black=0.17 (very precise) Kosten,Tony: 'is still equal.'
½-½

309 **C50**
□ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2722**
■ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2748**
Chess.com Classic Div 2 L rapid (1.2)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Ne7N** 0.76/19
[6...d6= -0.11/19 7.0-0 *(7.a3 a6 8.c3 Ba7 9.0-0 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 dxe5 13.Qxh5 Qe7 14.a4 Be6 15.Na3 0-0-0 16.Rad1 Kb8 17.Bxe6 Qxe6 18.Nc4 g4 19.Ne3 Rhg8 20.Qf5 Qxf5 21.Nxf5 h5* 1-0 Sinowjew,J (1784)-Power (1461) Simultaneous Display 11 (1)*)* 7...a5 8.c3 Ba7 9.a4 g5 10.Bg3 Ne7 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Ng6 13.d4 Nh5 14.dxe5 Nxg3 15.hxg3 dxe5 16.Rad1 g4 17.Nh2 Qg5 18.Rfe1 Kg7 19.Re2 h5 20.Ndf1 h4 21.Rd3 hxg3 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2688)-Harikrishna,P (2720) Olympiad-44 Chennai 2022 (6.1) 22.Rxg3 Nf4 23.Nxg4 Bxg4 24.Ne3 Bxe3 25.Rexe3 Ng6 26.Be2 Be6 27.Qb5 Qf4 28.Qc5 Rh8 29.Qxc7 Rh6 30.Bf3 Rc8 31.Qxa5 Rch8 32.Kf1 Rh1+ 33.Ke2 Bc4+ 34.Kd2 Rf1 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2677)-Fedoseev, V (2685) Chess.com Rapid Winners 2022 (2.3)]
7.Bxf6 0.40/20
[7.Nxe5± 0.76/19 d5 8.Bb3]
7...gxf6⩲ 8.d4 exd4 White has an edge. **9.Nxd4 d5 10.exd5 Rg8 11.Nc3! Qd6! 12.g3** -0.01/21
[12.Ndb5!± 1.00/20 Qf4 13.Qd2 Qxc4 14.Nxc7+ *(14.Qxh6? Nf5-+)* 14...Kf8 15.Nxa8 *(15.Qxh6+ Rg7±)*]
12...Qe5+
[12...Qb6!? 13.0-0 Bxd4=]
13.Nde2 -0.34/21
[White should try 13.Nce2!⩲ 0.31/20]
13...Nf5 0.75/20
[13...Bg4∓ -0.34/21]
14.Bb5+ 0.36/22
[14.Qd3!± 0.75/20]
14...Kf8 15.Qd2 Nd4 0.96/23
[Black should play 15...Kg7!⩲ 0.35/21]
16.0-0-0±
[16.Qxh6+?! Rg7=]
16...Nxb5 17.Nxb5 aiming for Ne2-f4.
17...Bg4 2.04/22
[17...Bxf2± 0.86/22 18.Kb1 *(18.Qxh6+ Rg7=)* 18...Bg4]
18.Rde1!+- Ne2-f4 is the strong threat.

[18.Qxh6+ Rg7=]

18...Bxf2



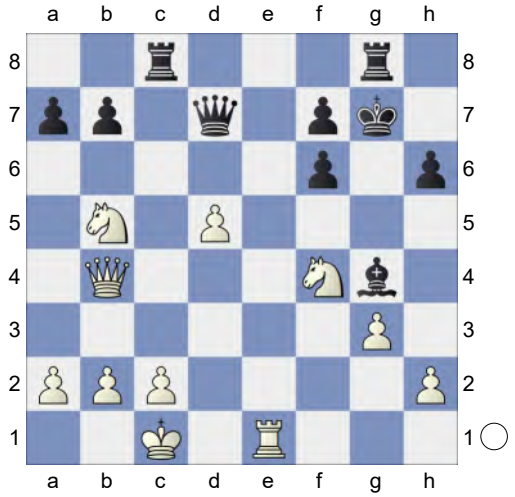
...Bf2-e3 would now be deadly. **19.Nf4! Bxe1 20.Rxe1 Qf5 21.Nxc7 Rc8 22.Nb5** 1.34/24 A dynamic duo of knights.

[22.d6+- 2.90/22 is more deadly. Kg7 23.Re7 Rxc7 24.Ne6+ *(24.dxc7 Qc5+-; 24.Rxc7 Rd8+-)* 24...Kh7 25.Nxc7 *(25.dxc7? Qf1+)*]

22...Qd7± 23.Qb4+→ White wants a kill. Black is weak on the dark squares

[23.Nxa7?! Re8±]

23...Kg7



24.Re7! Skewer. The board is on fire. White is more active.

[24.Nxa7 Rce8±]

[24.Nd6?! Rcd8 25.Nxb7 Rde8=]

24...Rc4 Deflection **25.Rxf7+**

[25.Qxc4 Qxe7 26.b3 Rd8∓]

25...Qxf7 26.Qxc4 Hoping for Nf4-e6+.

26...Rc8 1.55/23

[⌓26...Qe7 1.13/22 27.Ne6+ *(27.Nxa7? Qe1#)* 27...Bxe6 28.dxe6 Kh8]

27.Qd3 Strongly threatening Nb5-d6!

27...Qe8 2.57/21

[⌓27...Re8 1.63/22 28.b3 *(28.Nxa7?* is the wrong capture. *Re1+ 29.Kd2 Rd1+ 30.Kc3 Rxd3+-+)* 28...Re1+ 29.Kb2 Qe8]

28.Kd2+-

[28.Nxa7? leads to mate. Qe1+]

28...Rb8? 4.48/26

[28...Qd7 2.66/24]

29.Nd6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/Black=0.40

[29.Nxa7 Kg8 30.Nb5 Qf8+-]

1-0

310 **C50**

□ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2722**

■ **Vidit,S.** **2712**

Titled Tue 23rd Sep 2025 (11) 23.09.2025

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 d6 5.Na4N**

[5.d3 Nf6 *(5...h6 6.h3 Nf6 7.Be3 Bb4 8.a3 Ba5 9.d4 Nxe4 10.Nd2 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Bxc3 12.Rb1 exd4 13.Bf4 0-0 14.0-0 Qf6 15.Qf3 Bxd2 16.Bxd2 Qxf3 17.gxf3 Bxh3 18.Rfe1 b6 19.Bd5 Bd7 20.Rbc1* 0-1 Ibrahim, M-Msukwa,T (1674) Olympiad Women-45 2024 (5.76)*; 5...Bg4 6.Be3 Bb6 7.Nd5 Qd7 8.Bb5 Bxe3 9.fxe3 a6 10.Ba4 Nh6 11.c4 0-0 12.h3*

Bxf3 13.gxf3 f5 14.Qd2 fxe4 15.fxe4 Rf3 16.0-0-0 Raf8 17.Qg2 Qf7 18.Rdg1 Nd8 19.Bd1 Rf2 20.Qg5 ½-½ Albin,A-Berger,J Wien Trebitsch Memorial-01 1907 (1)*)* 6.Be3 *(6.Bg5 Na5 7.Nd5 Nxc4 8.dxc4 c6 9.Nxf6+ gxf6 10.Bh4 Rg8 11.0-0 Bh3 12.Bg3 Be6 13.Qe2 Qe7 14.Nh4 0-0-0 15.Kh1 d5 16.cxd5 cxd5 17.f4 dxe4 18.Qxe4 Rd4 19.Qxh7 Qd8 20.c3 Rd2* 1-0 Ivanovic,B (2490)-Inkiov,V (2465) Plovdiv 1986 (10)*)* 6...Bb6 *(6...Bd4 7.Bxd4 Nxd4 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.Ne2 c5 10.h3 0-0 11.0-0 d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Qd2 Be6 14.Ng3 Nc7 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Rae1 Qe7 17.Re5 h6 18.Rfe1 Qd6 19.Qe2 Rf7 20.Qh5 Raf8 21.Ne4* ½-½ Lee,M-Eldridge Smith,V AUS-ch U18 Girls 2002 (8.3)*)* 7.h3 0-0 8.Qd2 Na5 9.Bb3 c6 10.0-0-0 Bc7 11.g4 d5 12.exd5 Nxb3+ 13.axb3 Nxd5 14.Rdg1 Re8 15.Ne4 a5 16.Kb1 b6 17.h4 Qe7 18.c4 Nb4 19.Bg5 Qf8 1-0 Marie,M (2155)-Kort,J (2255) Avoine op 16th 2001 (3)]

5...Qf6 6.d3 h6 7.Nxc5 dxc5 8.Be3 The position is equal. **8...b6 9.0-0 Nge7 10.Nd2 Be6 11.a4 0-0 12.Kh1 Rad8** 0.51/21

[12...Ng6= 0.01/22]

13.Qh5 0.01/21

[13.f4!± 0.51/21]

13...Nb4 14.Rac1 Nec6 0.40/25

[14...Ng6= 0.01/21]

15.g3 -0.01/22

[15.f4± 0.40/25]

15...Bxc4= 16.Nxc4 Qe6 17.g4 Rd7 18.b3 Re8

[18...a6 19.g5 hxg5 20.Bxg5 g6]

19.Rg1 -0.30/23

[⊼19.g5 0.16/23]

19...Qg6 20.Qh3 Qe6 21.Qh5 f6 22.Rg3 Qf7 23.Qh3 Nd8 0.01/24

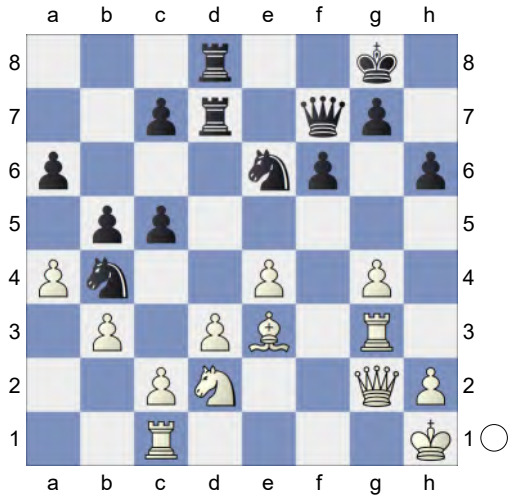
[Black should play 23...Nd4!∓ -0.82/23 24.Bxd4 cxd4]

24.f4

[24.g5 hxg5 25.Bxg5 Qe6 26.Qh5]

24...exf4 25.Bxf4 Ne6 26.Be3 a6 27.Qg2 b5 28.Nd2 Red8 0.37/20

[28...c4= -0.01/20 29.bxc4 bxa4]



29.e5! Deflection **29...fxe5**

[29...Rf8 30.exf6]

30.g5!

[30.Rf1 Nf4 31.Bxf4 exf4∓]

30...hxg5 31.Bxg5 -0.01/20

[31.Nf3± 0.48/23 should be considered. Nf4 32.Bxf4 gxf4 33.Rg4]

31...Rf8! 32.Ne4 -0.74/24 Against Qf2

[32.Nf3= 0.01/22 Qh5 33.Rg1 *(33.Nxe5 Rd5∓)*]

32...Nd5!∓

[32...bxa4? 33.Nf6++-]

33.Rg1 Ndf4 34.Bxf4 exf4

[34...Nxf4 simplifies 35.Ng5 Nxg2 36.Nxf7 Rfxf7 37.Kxg2 bxa4 38.bxa4 c4]

35.Rg6 f3

[35...Qf5!?]

36.Qf2 -0.41/23

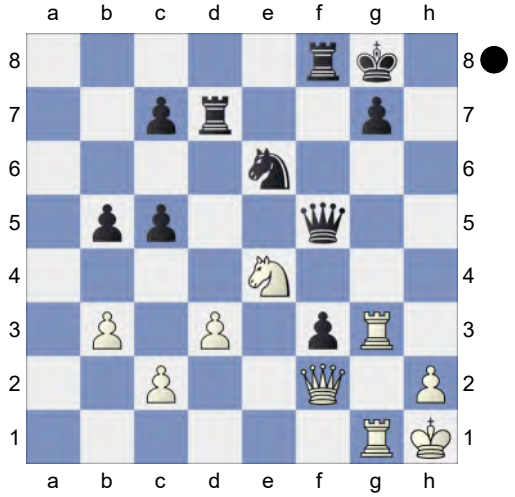
[36.Qg4= 0.01/25 Re7 37.Rh6]

36...Qf5

[36...bxa4 looks sharper. 37.bxa4 Qf5 38.Rh6 c4]

37.axb5! axb5 38.R6g3? -2.17/20

[38.Rh6!= -0.27/24]



38...c4 -1.09/23 **39.bxc4 bxc4 40.Qe3 cxd3** -0.88/25

[⌓40...Qf4 -1.26/21 and ...cxd3 should not be overlooked 41.Qf2 Rd5 *(41...cxd3 42.cxd3 Rff7 43.Rg6∓)*]

41.cxd3 Rdf7 42.Rf1 Qf4 -0.21/25

[42...Qh5∓ -0.95/24 ...Rf4 poses a challenge 43.Nd6 Re7 *(43...cxd6 44.Qxe6 Qf5 45.Qxd6∓)*]

43.Qf2= Qh4? 7.98/20

[43...Qe5= -0.20/24 44.Qa2 f2]

44.Qa2? -0.21/24

[White has to play 44.Rxg7+!+- 7.98/20 Nxg7 45.Qxh4]

44...Qh6 45.Qd5 -0.99/21

[45.Rfg1= -0.25/24 keeps the balance. f2 46.Rf1]

45...Nf4 -0.01/22 Some like it hot

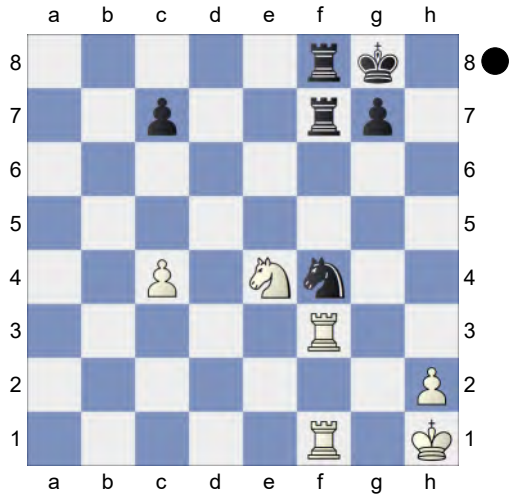
[45...Rf5∓ -0.99/21 46.Qa2 f2 47.Rxf2 Rxf2 48.Nxf2 Qc1+ 49.Rg1 Qc6+ 50.Ne4 Rf5]

46.Qc4 Threatens to win with Ng5!.

46...Qe6

[Much less strong is 46...Ne6 47.d4∓]

47.Rgxf3 Qxc4 48.dxc4



Nd3! Deflection **49.Rxf7 Rxf7 50.Rxf7 Kxf7** Endgame KN-KN **51.Kg2 Ke6 52.Kg3 Ke5 53.Ng5 Nb2 54.c5 Nd3 55.c6 Nb4 56.Nf7+ Kd5 57.Kf4 Nxc6 58.Kg5?** -5.76/28

[58.h4∓ -0.43/26]

58...Ne5-+ 59.Nxe5 Kxe5 KPP-KP. Black is a pawn up. **60.Kg6 c5** Black mates. **61.h4 c4 62.Kxg7** KP-KP **62...c3 63.h5 c2 64.h6 c1Q**

[And not 64...c1B 65.h7 Ke6 66.Kf8= *(66.h8R Bb2+ 67.Kh7 Bxh8=; 66.h8N Bg5=)*]

65.h7 Qg5+ 66.Kf8 Qf6+ 67.Kg8 Qd8+ 68.Kf7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/Black=0.29 (precise)

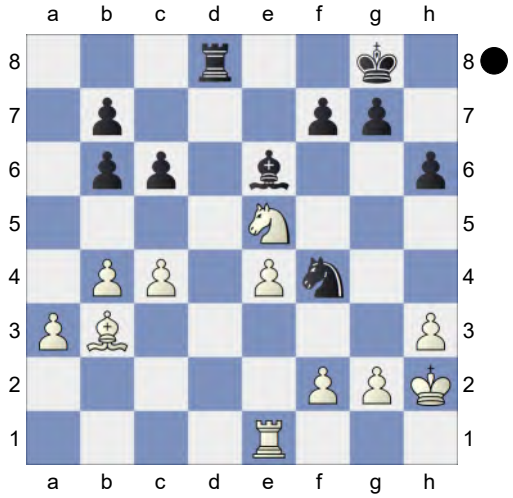
68...Qd7+

0-1

311 **C50**
□ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2722**
■ **Le Tuan Minh** **2598**
Titled Tue 26th Aug Early blitz (6)
[Kitty Kat]

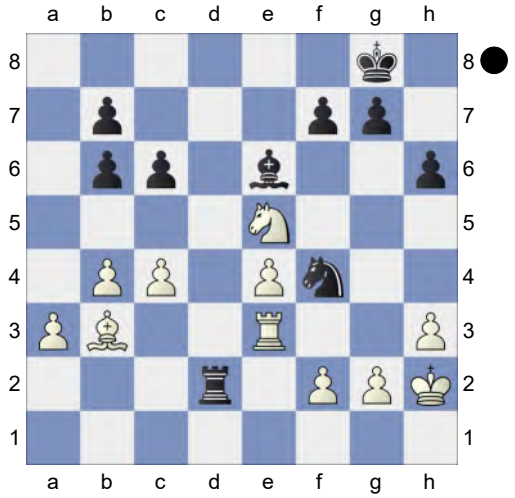
C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 h6 7.Na4 Bb6 8.a3 0-0 9.b4N**
[9.h3
A) 9...Be6
A1) 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Re1 *(11.c3 Qe8 12.b4 Ne7 13.c4 Bd4 14.Nxd4 exd4 15.f4 Kh7 16.Bd2 e5 17.c5 b6 18.Nb2 b5 19.a4 a6 20.Qb3 Nc6 21.cxd6 cxd6 22.f5 Qd7 23.Nd1 d5 24.Nf2 Na7 25.axb5 Nxb5* ½-½ Piccoli,L (2220)-Proudian,A (2431) Niteroi op 3rd 2023 (4)*)* 11...Qe8 12.c3 Nh5 13.b4 Nf4 14.Bxf4 Rxf4 15.Ra2 Qg6 16.Kf1 Raf8 17.Nxb6 axb6 18.Re3 Ne7 19.Rae2 Qf6 20.Qd2 d5 21.Nh2 d4 22.Rf3 Ng6 23.Rg3 dxc3 24.Qc2 Rxf2+ 0-1 Ohara,M (1790)-Lelis, L (1815) Sao Paulo op 2023 (5);
A2) 10.Nxb6 axb6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Re1 Qe8 13.c3 Qg6 14.Be3 Nh5 15.Nh4 Qf7 16.a4 Ne7 17.g3 Nf6 18.Kh2 d5 19.f3 Rad8 20.Qe2 Nh5 21.Rf1 Ng6 22.Ng2 Nf6 23.Bg1 Rd7 24.Ne3 1-0 Paravyan,D (2601)-Svane,F (2600) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Early blitz 2023 (11);
B) 9...Ne7 10.Re1 Ng6 11.Nxb6 axb6 12.d4 Qe7 13.c3 c6 14.Bf1 15) Italian 4...Bc5 5.Nc3 - D-Italian 4...Bc5 5.Nc3 - Dry d]

9...Ne7 The position is equal. **10.Re1 Ng6 11.h3 Re8 12.c3** -0.33/24
[12.Bb2= 0.03/22]
12...c6∓ 13.Nxb6 axb6 14.Bb3 d5 15.Qc2 Be6 16.c4 dxe4 -0.27/23
[Better is 16...d4∓ -0.78/22]
17.dxe4= Nh5
[17...Qc8 simplifies 18.Re3 Nh5 19.c5 bxc5 20.Bxe6 Qxe6 21.bxc5 Nhf4]
18.Kh2 Qf6 19.Qc3 -0.42/21
[19.c5!= 0.01/19]
19...Rad8 20.Ra2 -0.65/23
[20.g3= -0.18/22 is superior.]
20...Nhf4∓ 21.Rd2 Against Rd3 **21...Rxd2 22.Bxd2 Rd8** ...Rd3 would now be deadly. **23.Bxf4 Nxf4**
[23...Qxf4+ 24.g3 Qf6 25.Bd1=]
24.Qxe5 Qxe5 25.Nxe5



Rd2 -0.14/22
[25...Ra8!∓ -0.90/23]
Now White is beyond hope. **26.Re3?** -3.28/22
[26.Rd1= -0.14/22 and White has nothing to worry. Rxf2 27.Kg3]

(Diagram)



26...f6!-+
[26...Rxf2 27.Kg3 Rf1 *(27...Rxg2+ 28.Kxf4 g5+ 29.Kf3±)* 28.h4∓]
27.Nf3 Rxf2 28.Kg3 -6.97/30
[28.Ne1 -3.09/21 Rb2 29.Bd1]
28...Rxg2+ 29.Kxf4 And now Nd4 would win. **29...g5+**
[29...Bxh3 30.c5+ Kh7 31.Ne1 *(31.cxb6?* gets mated. *Rg4+ 32.Kf5 Rh4#)* 31...g5+ 32.Kf3+-]
30.Nxg5 hxg5+
[30...fxg5+ 31.Ke5 Bf7 *(31...Kf7 32.c5±)* 32.Kd6±]
31.Kf3 Rh2
[31...Bxh3 32.c5+ Kf8 33.cxb6∓]
32.c5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/ Black=0.10 (very precise) **32...Bxb3**
[Not 32...Rxh3+ 33.Kf2 Bxb3 *(33...Rxe3? 34.Bxe6+ Kf8 35.Kxe3+-; 33...Rh2+? 34.Kg1+-)* 34.Rxh3+-]
0-1

312 **C50**
□ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2721**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2697**
Comet Open Titled Losers (4.5) 18.10.25
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 0-0 6.Nc3 h6 7.a3 a5N**
[7...a6 8.Be3 Bxe3 *(8...d6 9.h3 Bxe3 10.fxe3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.d4 exd4 13.exd4 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5* Chapter Open Ch15-Games Chapter eng Open Ch15*)* 9.fxe3 d6 10.d4 Bg4 11.Qd3 Bh5 12.h3 Nd7 13.Rf2 Bg6 14.g3 Bh7 15.Nh4 Nb6 16.Ba2 Ne7 17.dxe5 d5 18.Nf5 Nc6 19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.Bxd5 Nxe5 21.Qc3 Re8 22.Raf1 1-0 Chernov,V (2658)-Farakhov,R (2280) (Game 4) Amsterdam 1921 (9.10) Bg6 23.Nh4 Kh7 24.Nxg6 fxg6 25.Bxb7 Rb8 26.Bd5 c6 27.Bf7 Re7 28.Ba2 a5 29.Bb3 Re8 30.Kg2 Qb6 31.Rd1 a4 32.Bxa4 Qxb2 33.Qxb2 Rxb2 34.Bb3 Ra8 35.Rd6 Rxa3 36.Rd8 h5 37.Bg8+ 1-0 Sindarov,J (2658)-Kulpruethanon,T (2280) Asian Games tt 2023 (9.10)]
[7...d6 8.Na4 *(8.h3 Nd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.Bxd5 c6 12.Ba2 d5 13.e5 Qe7 14.Bf4 Bb6 15.Qf3 Bc7 16.Rfe1 Be6 17.b3 f6 18.exf6 Rxf6 19.c4 Rxf4 20.Qe2 Rf6 21.Qg4 Qf7 22.Qxd4 Bb6* 0-1 Brygo,P-Berangui,B FRA-chT U18 France 1996 (5)*)* 8...Bb6 9.h3 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.b4 Qe8 12.c4 Bd4 13.Ra2 a6 14.Be3 b5 15.Nb2 Nh5 16.Kh2 g5 17.g3 Qg6 18.Qe2 Rf7 19.cxb5 axb5 20.Nd1 Raf8 21.Nd2 Bb6 22.Bxb6 1-0 9.h3 (2567)-

Kaliszuk,K (2539) WchT 3rd Luzern 1993 (4.3)]

8.Be3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 d6 10.d4 Bg4 11.Qd3 Bh5 12.Nh4 White is slightly better. **12...Kh7 13.h3 Nd7 14.Nf5 Bg6 15.Rf2 Ne7 16.g4 Bxf5 17.gxf5 c6 18.Bb3** -0.34/20

[18.Rg2!= 0.08/19 was preferable.]

18...Nf6 0.10/21

[18...Ng8∓ -0.34/20]

19.Kh1 Qc7 20.Rg1 d5 0.63/23

[Better is 20...Rad8= 0.01/21]

21.exd5!± White is more active.

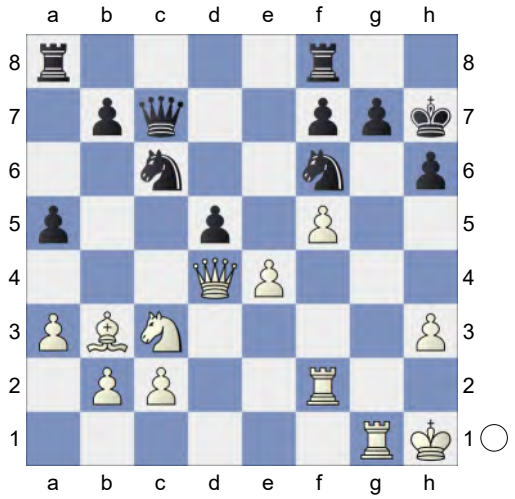
21...cxd5 0.97/22

[21...Nexd5± 0.39/21 22.Rfg2 Rg8]

22.e4± Strongly threatening Qg3.

22...exd4 23.Qxd4 Nc6 1.63/28

[23...dxe4± 0.75/23 was called for. 24.Rfg2 *(24.Nxe4 Ra6=)* 24...Kh8 *(24...Nxf5?* too greedy. *25.Nd5+-* Remove Defender *)* 25.Rxg7 Ra6]



24.Rxg7+!!+- Decoy **24...Kxg7 25.Rg2+** Deflection **25...Kh7 26.Qxf6 Qe5?** #2/6

[26...Rg8± 1.54/32 27.Nxd5 *(27.Bxd5 Rxg2 28.Kxg2 Rg8+ 29.Kf3 Qg3+ 30.Ke2 Ne5-+)* 27...Rxg2 28.Nxc7 Rag8 29.Qxf7+ *(29.Bxf7?* gets mated. *Rg1+ 30.Kh2 R8g2#)* 29...R8g7]

27.Rg7+ Deflection, Double Attack

27...Kh8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.50 **28.Qxh6# 1-0**

313 **C53**

□ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2721**

■ **Vidit,S.** **2716**

Titled Tue 14th Oct 2025 blitz (6)

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 a6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Ba7 9.a4** -0.42/24

[9.Nbd2= 0.07/22]

9...g5∓ 10.Bg3 0-0 11.Nbd2 Kg7 12.Re1N

[12.b4 g4 13.Bh4 Ne7 14.Bxf6+ Kxf6 15.Nh4 Kg7 16.Kh1 d5 17.Bb3 dxe4 18.dxe4 Ng8 19.g3 Qd3 20.Qe1 Rd8 21.Nc4 Be6 22.Rd1 Qxd1 23.Bxd1 Bxc4 24.Nf5+ Kh7 25.Be2 Be6 26.Bxg4 Nf6 2 Chapter C50-Games Chapter C50 Game 27.Qe2 Nxe4 28.Ne7 1-0 13. ♗f4 ♗f5 (2629)-Arbakov,V (2619) Deutschland 60/178 1994]

[12.d4 Re8 13.Re1 Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.d5 Ne7 16.Be2 Ng6 17.Nh2 Bxe2 18.Qxe2 Nf4 19.Qf3 h5 20.Ndf1 Qd7 21.Ne3 Kg6 22.b3 c6 23.c4 cxd5 24.exd5 e4 25.Qd1 Nd3 26.h4 Nxe1 0-1 3.g3 b5 4.♗g2_31338 (2629)-Nepeina Leconte,M (2324) Baku FIDE GP 2008 (5)]

12...g4 13.Nh4 Nh5 14.Nf1 Qg5 15.Ne3 Bxe3 16.Rxe3 Nf4 17.d4 Ng6

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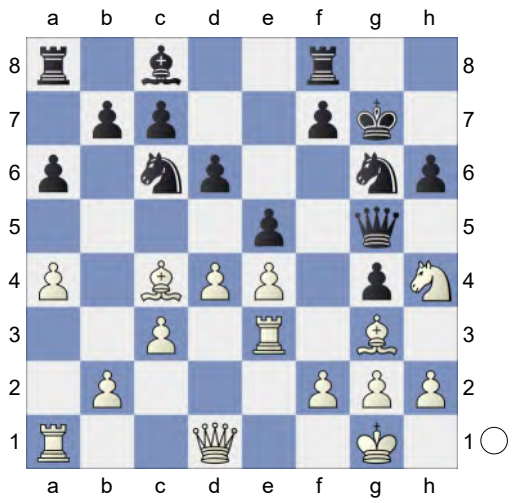
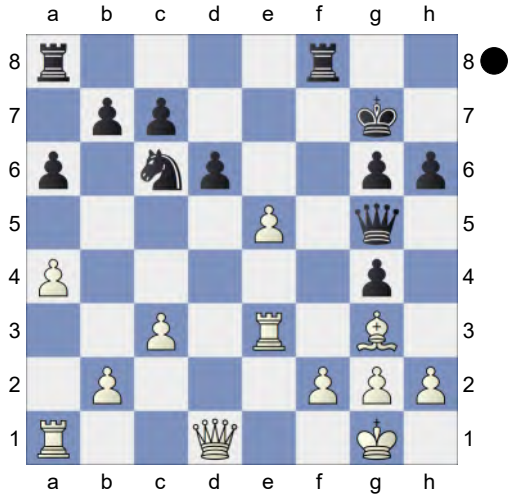


18.Nf5+ -0.23/19 **Bxf5= 19.exf5 Qxf5 20.Bd3 Qg5 21.Bxg6 fxg6 22.dxe5** -0.99/21
[22.Qb3= -0.22/22 exd4 23.cxd4]



22...h5!∓ Black is more active. **23.exd6?** -2.43/24
[23.f4∓ -0.73/20 gxf3 24.Rxf3 Nxe5 25.Rxf8 Rxf8 26.Qd4]
23...h4-+ 24.dxc7 hxg3 25.hxg3 Rf7 Prevents Qd7. **26.Re4 Qf5** -0.99/23
[26...Rxc7 27.Rxg4 Qf5 28.Rf4∓]
[26...Qc5-+ -2.23/25 27.Qe2 Rh8 *(27...Rxc7 28.Qxg4 Rf8 29.Rf1∓)*]
27.Rf4∓ Qe6→ aiming for ...Rxf4. Black has strong attack. **28.Qxg4 Qxg4 29.Rxg4 Rxc7 30.Re1** Prevents Re8
30...Rd7 31.Re6? -3.43/23
[31.f3∓ -1.11/22 keeps fighting.]
31...Rd1+-+ 32.Kh2 Rh8+ 33.Rh4 Rxh4+ 34.gxh4 Endgame KRN-KR
34...Rd2 35.b4 Rxf2 36.b5 axb5 37.axb5 Na5 38.Kh3 Rf5 39.c4? -4.90/22
[39.b6 -2.86/24]
39...Nxc4 40.Re7+ Rf7 41.Re4 Nd6 42.Rb4 Rf5 43.b6 Rb5 44.Rd4 Rxb6 45.g4 Rc6 46.h5 b5 47.Kh4 gxh5 48.Kxh5 Rc5+ 49.Kh4 Nf7 -5.66/23
[⌓49...Nf5+ -#18/25 50.gxf5 Rc4 *(50...Rxf5 51.Kg4=)* 51.Rxc4 bxc4 52.Kg5 c3 53.f6+ Kf7 54.Kf5 c2 55.Ke4 c1Q *(55...c1B 56.Ke5=; 55...Kxf6* leads to mate. *56.Ke3 c1Q+ 57.Kd4 Qd2+ 58.Kc4 Ke6 59.Kc5 Qc3+ 60.Kb5 Kd6 61.Ka4 Qb2 62.Ka5 Kc5 63.Ka6 Qb6#)* 56.Kd3 Qd1+ *(56...Kxf6 57.Kd4 Qd2+ 58.Kc4 Ke6 59.Kc5 Kd7 60.Kc4 Kc6 61.Kb3 Kc5 62.Ka3 Kc4 63.Ka4 Qb4#)* 57.Kc4 Kxf6 58.Kc5 Ke5 59.Kc4 Kd6 60.Kb4 Qd3 61.Ka5 Kc5 62.Ka4 Qh3 63.Ka5 Qa3#]
50.Kg3 Rc3+ 51.Kf4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/Black=0.25 (precise)
51...Rc4
0-1

314 **C54**
□ **Yu,Yangyi** **2720**
■ **Narayanan,Sunilduth Lyna** **2651**
FIDE Grand Swiss (4) 28.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.c3N**
[6.a4 a6 7.c3 Ba7 8.Re1 *(8.Nbd2*

0-0 9.h3 Re8 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b4 d5 13.Qc2 d4 14.Bb2 Nh5 15.b5 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Nb3 Qd8 20.g3 Rh6 21.Kg2 Qg5 22.Rh1 Rd8 0-1 Lunacek,J (2702)-Ferri,S (2732) Chicago op 19th 2010 (11) *)* 8...Ng4 9.Re2 Qf6 10.Nbd2 g5 11.Qe1 Rg8 12.Nf1 Be6 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 Nxe3 15.Rxe3 Bxc4 16.dxc4 Nd8 17.Nd2 h5 18.Nf1 h4 19.Rd3 Qg6 20.c5 dxc5 0-1 Peter Anand,A (2151)-Kalinin,A (2367) Arandjelovac op 2nd 2023 (5.34)]

[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 h5 9.Nxg5 h4 10.Nxf7 hxg3 11.Nxd8 Bg4 12.Qd2 Nd4 13.h3 Ne2+ 14.Qxe2 Bxe2 15.Ne6 Bb6 16.Nc3 Bxf1 17.Kxf1 gxf2 18.Na4 Kd7 19.Nxb6+ axb6 20.Kxf2 b5 Bruneau,L-Van Tuyl,W 1934_226900 Zürich (Switzerland)]

6...Bb6 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.Bb3 Ne7 9.Nh4!? Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.

9...d5N

[Vorgänger: 9...Bg4 10.Qe1 g5 11.Nhf3 h6 12.h3 Bh5 13.Nh2 c6 0.99/20 *(13...d5± 0.32/20)* 14.Nc4± Black must now prevent Nxb6. Bc7 15.Ne3 0.30/22 *(* White should try *15.h4!± 0.88/22)* 15...Kg7 0.80/22 *(15...d5=* 0.30/22 remains equal.*)* 16.Nf5+ 0.40/21 *(16.g4± 0.80/22)* 16...Kh7 1.63/22 ;1-0 Andriasian,Z (2581)-Salinas Herrera,P (2514) Philadelphia int op 14th 2021 (8) *(16...Nxf5±* 0.40/21 *17.exf5 Qd7)*]

10.exd5 Bg4 11.Nhf3 White is slightly better. **11...Nfxd5 12.h3 Bh5** 0.96/22

[12...Bxf3± 0.40/21 13.Nxf3 Ng6]

13.g4± Bg6 14.Nxe5 Nf4 2.57/19

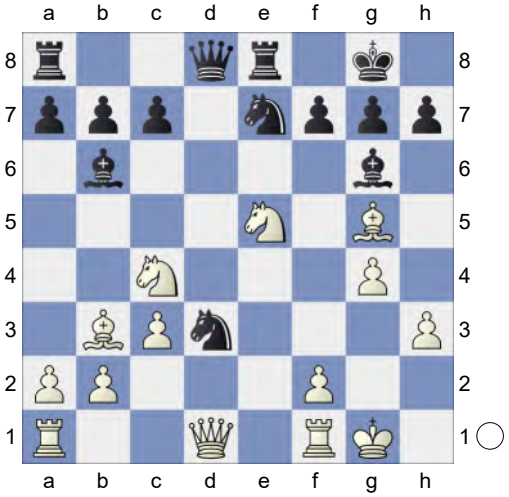
[14...Kh8± 1.33/21]

15.Ndc4+- Nxd3

[15...Nxh3+ 16.Kg2 Nxf2 17.Rxf2 Bxf2 18.Kxf2±]

16.Bg5 Re8? 4.60/26

[16...Nxe5 2.85/22 17.Nxe5 Qxd1 18.Raxd1 *(18.Rfxd1 Nc6±)* 18...Nc6 19.Nxc6 *(19.Nxg6 hxg6 20.Kg2 Na5±)* 19...bxc6]



17.Nxg6 hxg6 18.Nxb6 cxb6 19.Qf3 Ne5 20.Qe4

[20.Qxb7 Qd3+-]

20...Qc7 21.Rfe1 N7c6 22.Rad1

[Much less strong is 22.f4?! Nd7 23.Qxg6 Nf8+-]

22...b5 23.Bd5 Kh7 24.b3 1.44/21 Repels Nc4

[24.Kg2+- 1.95/23]

24...Rac8 2.47/23

[24...Qa5± 1.44/21]

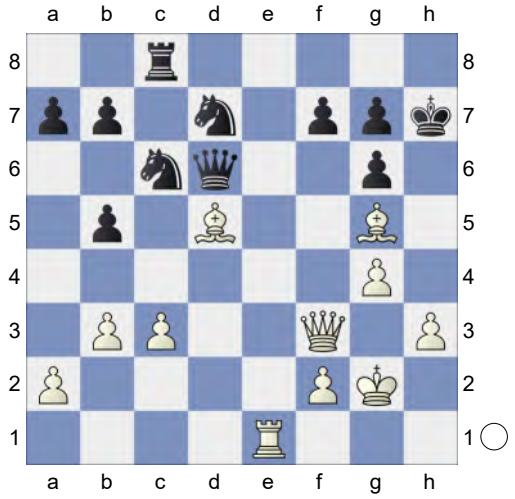
25.Kg2 Nd7 26.Qf3

[26.Qxe8 Rxe8 27.Rxe8 Nf6 28.Bxf6 gxf6=]

26...Rxe1 27.Rxe1 Qd6? 4.26/25

[27...f6 2.11/21]

(Diagram)



28.Rd1
[28.Bxf7 Nce5 29.Qd5 *(29.Qxb7 Rf8∓)* 29...Nxf7 30.Qxf7 Rf8±]
28...Nce5 29.Qg3
[Not 29.Bxb7 Qc7 30.Qd5 Rb8±]
29...Qc5 5.80/24
[⌓29...Qa6 4.05/22 30.Bf4 Re8]
30.f4 Re8 White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.64
31.fxe5
1-0

315 **C50**
□ **Tabatabaei,Mohammad Amin** **2718**
■ **Radjabov,Teimour** **2700**
Chess Stars 4.0 Blitz (9.4) 01.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4** John Watson **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 h6 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 Bb6** is recently more successful than 6...Nf6. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 6... Sf6. is recently more successful than 6...Nf6. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 6...Sf6. is recently more successful than 6...Nf6. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 6... Sf6.

7.Re1!? Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
[7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Bb3 a5 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 20.Nb1 Ne4 21.Nc3 Nxc3 Firouzja,A (2785)-So,W (2760) Bucharest Superbet Classic 3rd 2023 (1) 0-1 0-1 Firouzja, A (2785)-So,W (2760) Bucharest Superbet Classic 3rd 2023 (1) Firouzja,A (2785)-So,W (2760) Bucharest Superbet Classic 3rd 2023 (1) 0-1]
[RR 7.a4 Nge7 8.d4 *(RR 8.b4 a6 9.a5 Ba7 10.Be3 0-0 11.Nbd2 Kh8 12.Bxa7 Rxa7 13.d4 exd4 14.Nxd4)* 8...exd4 9.Nxd4 0-0 10.Be3 Bxd4 11.Bxd4 Be6 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Be3 Kh8 14.Nd2 e5 15.Qg4 Qe8 16.Rfd1 Ng8 17.Nf1 Nf6 18.Qh4 Na5 19.f3 Ng8 20.b4 Nc4 21.Qf2 Qe6 Gkavardinas,A (2208)-Raczek,K (2443) Stockholm 2025 0-1 (91)]
7...Nge7 8.d4N The position is equal.
[Vorgänger: 8.a4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Ng6 10.Bb3 -0.19/19 *(⌓10.b4* 0.28/19 *a6 11.Bd5)* 10...Kh8= 11.Nc4 Na5 0.40/21 *(11...f5=* -0.08/21 *)* 12.Nxb6 -0.70/23 *(12.Nxa5±* 0.40/21 *Bxa5 13.d4)* 12...Nxb3∓ 13.Qxb3 axb6 14.Be3 Caruana,F (2805) -Hakobyan, A (2617) Chess.com Classic Div 2 W rapid 2024 (1.1) 1/2-1/2 ½-½ Caruana, F (2805)-Hakobyan,A (2617) Chess. com Classic Div 2 W rapid 2024 (1.1) Caruana,F (2805) -Hakobyan,A (2617) Chess.com Classic Div 2 W rapid 2024 (1.1) 1/2-1/2]
[RR 8.b4 Ng6 *(RR 8...a6 9.Bb3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Kh8 11.Nc4 Ba7 12.a4 f5 13.Ra2 b5 14.Ne3 f4;* RR *8...a6*

9.Bb3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Kh8 11.Nc4 Ba7 12.a4 f5 13.Ra2 b5 14.Ne3 f4) 9.a4 a6 10.a5 Ba7 11.Be3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Kh8 13.Bxa7 Rxa7 14.d4 Nf4 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nb3 Qf6 17.Re3 Rd8 18.Qf1 Bg4 19.Ne1 Ne7 20.f3 Be6 21.Bxe6 fxe6 22.g3 Qg5 Mcnutt,W (2072)-Rossolimo Nicolas (1921) Cup-8 corr BdF 1974 (2) 1-0 Majek,K (2072)-Wesolek,K (1921) Polanica Zdroj 2023 1-0 (37) McNutt,W (2072)-Rossolimo,N (1921) corr BdF 2023 TD 92\01 [John Watson] 1-0 (37) 1-0 Mcnutt,W (2072)-Rossolimo Nicolas (1921) Cup-8 corr BdF 1974 (2) Mcnutt,W (2072)-Rossolimo Nicolas (1921) Cup-8 corr BdF 1974 (2) 1-0 Majek,K (2072)-Wesolek,K (1921) Polanica Zdroj 2023 1-0 (37) McNutt,W (2072)-Rossolimo,N (1921) corr BdF 2023 TD 92\01 [John Watson] 1-0 (37) 23.Kh1 Nh5 24.Rd3 Rxd3 25.Nxd3 b6 26.Qf2 Nc8 27.Rd1 Ra8 28.axb6 cxb6 29.Nd2 Nf6 30.Nc4 Nd7 31.f4 exf4 32.Nxf4 Nf8 33.Qf3 Ra7 34.e5 Rf7 35.Qe4 b5 36.Nd6 Nxd6 37.exd6 Rd7 Majek,K (2072)-Wesolek,K (1921) Polanica Zdroj op 59th 2023 (2) 1-0 1-0 Majek,K (2072)-Wesolek,K (1921) Polanica Zdroj op 59th 2023 (2) Majek,K (2072)-Wesolek,K (1921) Polanica Zdroj op 59th 2023 (2) 1-0]

8...Ng6 9.Be3 Bg4 10.Nbd2 exd4 11.cxd4 Bxd4? 3.27/22 **12.Qb3+- Bxe3 13.Bxf7+ Kd7 14.Rxe3**

[14.Bxg6 Bxd2 15.Nxd2 Qf6=]

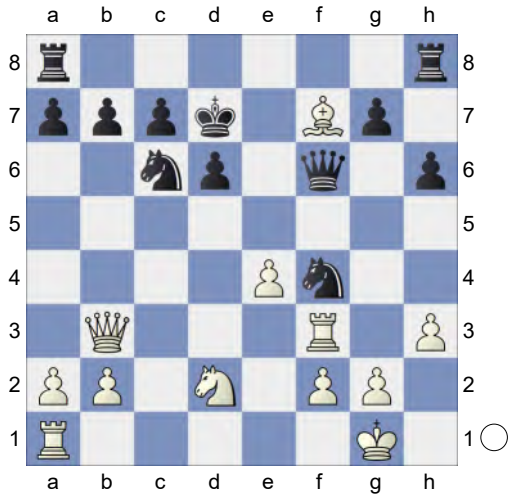
14...Qf6 15.h3 2.06/22

[⚠15.Bxg6 3.54/20 Qxg6 16.Qxb7]

15...Bxf3 16.Rxf3 0.91/23

[16.Nxf3+- 2.01/21 has better winning chances. Bf7xg6! would now be deadly. Rab8 17.Bxg6 Qxg6 18.Rd1]

16...Nf4±



17.Rxf4! 0.15/21 **Qxf4= 18.Be6+ Ke7 19.Nf3** Prevents Nc6-d4. aiming for Be6-f5. **19...Ne5** 0.78/21

[19...Na5= -0.01/21 20.Qd5 c6 21.Qxa5 Kxe6]

20.Nd4± The board is on fire. **20...Rhe8** 2.39/22

[20...Qxe4± 0.93/21 21.Rd1 Rab8]

21.Bf5+- Threatens to win with Nd4-e6!

[21.Qxb7 Kf6±]

21...Kf8 22.Ne6+? 0.14/20

[22.Qxb7+- 2.05/21 Qd2 23.Ne6+ Rxe6 24.Bxe6 *(24.Qxa8+ Re8±)*]

22...Rxe6!= 23.Qxe6 -0.42/20

[23.Bxe6= 0.11/21 Re8 24.Re1]

23...Re8∓ 24.Qb3 b6 -0.01/20

[24...g6∓ -0.52/19 25.Be6 b6 *(25...Qxe4 26.Bd5=)*]

25.g3 Qd2 26.f4 Nd3 27.Rf1 -1.84/24 Wards off Qd2-f2+. White is weak on the dark squares

[27.Bg6!= -0.01/26 Qf2+ 28.Kh1 Qf3+ *(28...Nxb2 29.Qf7#)* 29.Kh2 Qe2+ 30.Kg1 Qf2+ 31.Kh1 Qf3+ *(31...Nxb2 32.Qf7#)* 32.Kh2 Qf2+ 33.Kh1]

27...Qe3+ -1.38/27

[27...Nxb2 28.Bg6 Qd4+ 29.Rf2±]
[27...Nc5-+ -1.84/24 28.Qf3 Nxe4 Decoy *(28...Qxb2 29.Bg6∓)* 29.Bxe4 Qd4+ *(29...Qxb2? 30.Bg6+-)* 30.Rf2 Rxe4 *(30...Qxe4? 31.Kg2-+)*]

28.Kg2 Hoping for Bf5-g6. **28...Qe2+ 29.Kg1 Re7?** 1.16/25
[29...Nxb2 30.Bg4 Qd3 31.Qxb2±]
[29...Nc5!∓ -1.32/26 and life is bright. 30.Qf3 Qxf3 Remove Defender *(30...Qxb2 31.Bg6∓)* 31.Rxf3 Nxe4]

30.e5!± Qe3+!= 4.30/26
[30...Nc5± 0.91/23 is a better chance. 31.Qd5 Qh5]

31.Kg2? -0.68/26
[White must play 31.Kh1+- 4.30/26 Nf2+ 32.Kg2 Qxb3 Remove Defender 33.axb3 dxe5 34.fxe5 *(34.Kxf2 exf4 35.gxf4 Rf7+-; 34.Rxf2 exf4 35.gxf4 Re3+-)* 34...Rxe5]

31...Qd2+ -0.01/25
[Black should try 31...Ne1+!∓ -0.68/26 32.Rxe1 *(32.Kh1? Qe2-+)* 32...Qxe1]

32.Kg1 Nc5 1.90/24
[32...Nxb2 33.Bc2 Qd4+ 34.Kh1]

33.Qf3+- Qxb2? 3.48/25
[33...dxe5? 34.fxe5 Qd4+ *(34...Qxb2 35.Bg6+ Kg8 36.Qf8#)* 35.Kh1+-]
[33...Qd4+± 1.55/21 was necessary. 34.Kh1 Qc4 *(34...dxe5? 35.fxe5 Rf7 36.Rd1+-)*]

34.h4? -0.01/23
[34.Qa8++- 3.48/25 Re8 35.Qd5]

34...Qd4+ 0.91/22
[34...Qxa2 35.Bg6 d5 36.f5]
[34...dxe5= -0.01/23 35.fxe5 Rf7 *(35...Rxe5? 36.Be4+ Ke7 37.Qf7+ Kd6 38.Rd1++-)*]

35.Kh2 0.41/21
[White should play 35.Kg2± 0.91/22]

35...Re8? 1.92/21
[35...d5!± 0.41/21]

36.Bg6 Rf1-d1 is the strong threat.

36...Rd8 37.Qg4? -0.01/23
[37.Kh3+- 1.72/21]

37...Kg8 38.exd6 -0.41/23
[38.Rd1= 0.01/22 deserves consideration. Qe3 39.exd6 cxd6 40.Rxd6 Qf2+ 41.Kh3 Qf1+ 42.Kh2]

38...cxd6 0.01/22
[38...Qxd6∓ -0.41/23 39.Re1 Nd7]

39.Re1? -8.89/20
[39.Rd1= 0.01/22 Qf6 40.Rd5]

39...Qf6? 0.01/24
[Better is 39...Qf2+-+ -8.89/20 40.Kh3 Qxe1]

40.h5→ White mounts an attack. **40...d5 41.Qe2 d4** next ...d4-d3 is good for Black.
[41...Ne4 simplifies 42.a4 Kh8 43.Bxe4 dxe4 44.Qxe4 Qf7]

42.Qc4+ Kf8? 7.69/23
[42...Kh8= -0.01/23]

43.Re5 d3 44.Rf5 Qxf5 45.Bxf5 d2 46.Bg4 d1Q 47.Bxd1 Rxd1+- Endgame. KQ-KRN **48.Kh3 Rd7 49.Qc3 Re7 50.Qd4 Rd7 51.Qe5 Re7 52.Qf5+ Kg8 53.Qc8+ Kf7 54.Qc6 Nd7 55.Qc4+ Kf8+- 56.g4**
[56.Qc8+ Kf7 57.g4 *(57.Qc4+ Kf8+-)* 57...Re3+ 58.Kh2 Nf6]

56...Nc5 57.Qd5 Rd7 58.Qf5+ Rf7 59.Qc8+ Ke7 60.g5 Ne6 5.41/23
[⌓60...hxg5 3.64/23 61.Qc7+ Skewer *(61.fxg5 Ne6+-)* 61...Nd7 62.fxg5 *(62.Qxa7 Rxf4 63.Qa3+ Kd8±)* 62...Rf5]

61.Qb7+ White is clearly winning.

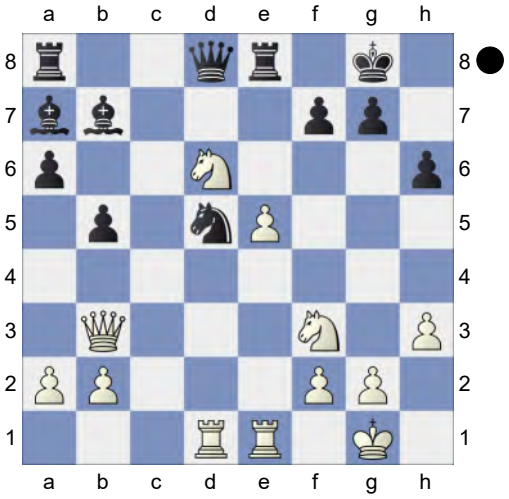
61...Ke8 62.Qb8+ Ke7 63.Qxa7+ Ke8 64.Qb8+
[64.Qxb6 Nxf4+ 65.Kg4 hxg5+-]

64...Ke7 65.Qb7+
[Not 65.Qxb6 hxg5 66.Qb4+ Kf6+-]

65...Ke8 66.Qc8+ Ke7 67.gxh6 gxh6 68.Qb7+ Kf8 69.Qxb6 Nxf4+ 70.Kg4 Nd5 71.Qd8+ Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0. 66/ Black=0.67 Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/ Black=0.67 Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0. 66/ Black=0.67
1-0

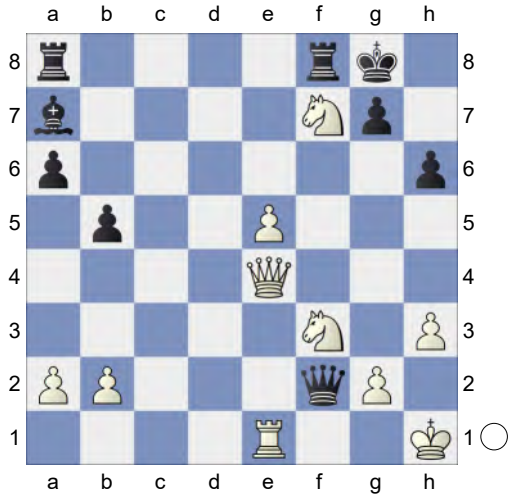
316 **C50**
□ **Duda,Jan-Krzysztof** **2718**
■ **Bok,Benjamin** **2583**
CCT Chess.com Classic 2025 | Play-in - *[Kitty Kat]*

Blitz 10min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4** 2 **e5** 1:36 **2.Nf3** 0 **Nc6** 1 **3.Bc4** 0 **Bc5** 1 **4.0-0** 1 **Nf6** 1 **5.Re1** 0 **d6** 1
[5...0-0 6.c3 Qe7 7.d4 exd4 8.e5 Ng4 9.cxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qh4 11.Be3 Qxh2+ 12.Kf1 Qh1+ 13.Ke2 Qxg2 14.Rg1 Nxe3 15.Kxe3 Bxd4+ 16.Kxd4 Qxf2+ 17.Kc3 Qe3+ 18.Bd3 Qxe5+ 0-1 Osmel Garcia-Tudela Gonzalez,V BEL-ch55 corr8891 1988]
6.c3 1 **0-0** 1 **7.Bb3N** 1
[7.d4 Bb6 8.dxe5 Ng4 9.Re2 Ngxe5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Qb3 Qh4 12.Be3 Bg4 13.Re1 Nf3+ 0-1 Dessauer,D-Aguirre,J Santiago (Chili) 1999]
7...a6 10 **8.d4** 2 **Ba7** 2 **9.h3** 2 The position is equal. **9...h6** 0.67/20 2
[9...Re8= 0.12/21]
10.Be3⩲ 28 **Re8** 14 **11.Nbd2** 26 **exd4** 20 **12.Bxd4** 0.31/22 0
[12.cxd4± 0.78/22 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Rxe4 14.Bc2]
12...Nxd4 31 **13.cxd4** 0 **b5** 7 **14.Qc2** 43 **Bb7** 4 **15.Rad1** 0.01/20 4
[15.e5!⩲ 0.64/23 dxe5 16.dxe5]
15...c5= 30 **16.dxc5** 24 **dxc5** 0.41/21 0
[16...Rc8= -0.06/24]
17.e5!↑ 2 White fights for an advantage.
17...Nd5 4 **18.Ne4?** -0.74/21 13
[18.Qe4!± 0.86/23 and life is bright.]
18...c4∓ 11 aiming for ...Qe7!. **19.Nd6** 1 **cxb3** -0.11/19 40
[19...Qd7!∓ -0.74/22 20.Bxc4 bxc4 21.Nxe8 Rxe8 22.Qxc4 Bb6]
20.Qxb3= 0

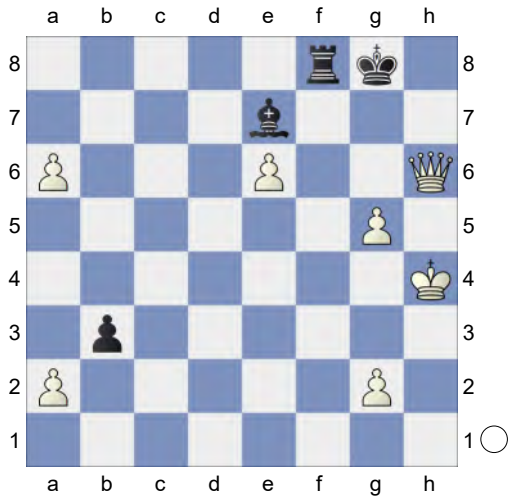


Qb6 1.55/25 8 **21.Rxd5±** 30 Active counter play! Black cannot hold the game after this. **21...Qxf2+** 2.58/25 27
[21...Bxd5± 1.10/22 is a better defense. 22.Qxd5 Qc7 *(22...Qxf2+ 23.Kh1=)*]
22.Kh1!+- 3 **Bxd5** 0 **23.Qxd5** 1 **Rf8** 10 **24.Nxf7** 7 Deflection. A dynamic duo of knights. **24...Kh7** 9.33/23 54
[24...Rxf7 2.49/22 25.Qxa8+ Rf8 26.Qd5+ Kh8]
25.Qe4+ 5
[Weaker is 25.e6 Rae8+-]
25...Kg8 1

(Diagram)

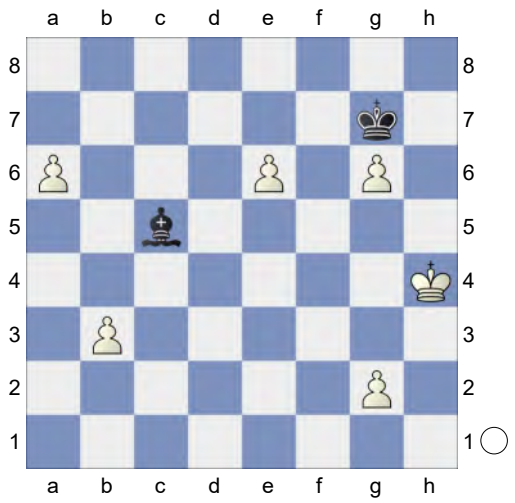


26.Nxh6+! 26 **gxh6** 2
[26...Kh8 27.Nf7+]
27.Qg6+ 1 **Kh8** 1 **28.Qxh6+** 1
[28.Qxa6? Qxe1+ *(28...Qxb2? 29.Qxh6+ Kg8 30.Qg6+ Kh8 31.Ng5+-)* 29.Nxe1 Rf1+ 30.Kh2 Bg1+ *(30...Rxe1? 31.Qxh6+ Kg8 32.Qg5+ Kf8 33.Qh6+ Kg8 34.Qg6+ Kf8 35.Qf5+ Ke8 36.Qh5+ Kd7 37.Qf7+ Kc8 38.Qg8+ Kc7 39.Qxa8+-)* 31.Kg3 Rxa6-+]
28...Kg8 1 **29.Re4** 2
[29.Qxa6? Qxe1+ *(29...Qxb2? 30.Qg6+ Kh8 31.Ng5+-)* 30.Nxe1 Rf1+ 31.Kh2 Bg1+ *(31...Rxe1 32.Qg6+ Kf8 33.Qf5+ Ke8 34.Qh5+ Kd7 35.Qf7+ Kc8 36.Qg8+ Kc7 37.Qxa8+-)* 32.Kg3 Rxa6-+]
29...Qg3 1:13 Against Qg6+ **30.Rg4+** 8
[30.Qxa6 Rxf3 31.Qe6+ Kf8 32.Qh6+ Ke7 33.Qd6+ Kf7 34.e6+ *(34.Qd5+? Kg7-+)* 34...Kf6-+]
30...Qxg4 0 **31.hxg4** 1 **Rf7** 35 **32.Qg6+** 13
[32.Qxa6? Rh7+ 33.Nh2 Rxh2+ 34.Kxh2 Bg1+ 35.Kxg1 Rxa6-+]
32...Rg7 2 **33.Qe6+** 1
[33.Qxa6? Rh7+ 34.Nh2 Rxh2+ 35.Kxh2 Bg1+ 36.Kxg1 Rxa6-+]
33...Kh8 1 **34.Kh2** 14
[34.Qxa6? perishes. Rh7+ 35.Nh2 Rxh2+ 36.Kxh2 Bg1+ 37.Kxg1 Rxa6-+]
34...Rf8 5 **35.Kg3** 16 **Be3** 2 **36.b4** 41 **Bf4+** 4 **37.Kf2** 1 **Rc7** 2 **38.Qg6** 12 **Rc3** 7 **39.e6** 7 Threatens to win with e7.
39...Be3+ 5 **40.Kg3** 17 **Bf4+** 2 **41.Kh4** 1 **Rc7** 8 **42.g5** 4 **Rg7** 1 **43.Qe4** 5 **Bd6** 2 **44.Ne5** 14 **Be7** 33 **45.Ng6+** 10 **Rxg6** 3 **46.Qxg6** 0 KQ-KRB **46...a5** 8 **47.bxa5** 3 **b4** 0 **48.a6** 14 **b3** 1 **49.Qh6+** 35.22/5 2
[⌓49.axb3 #11/24 Rd8 50.Qh5+ Kg8 51.Qf7+ Kh8 52.Qxe7 Kg8 53.Qxd8+ Kg7 54.e7 Kh7 55.Qd7 Kh8 56.e8Q#]
49...Kg8 1

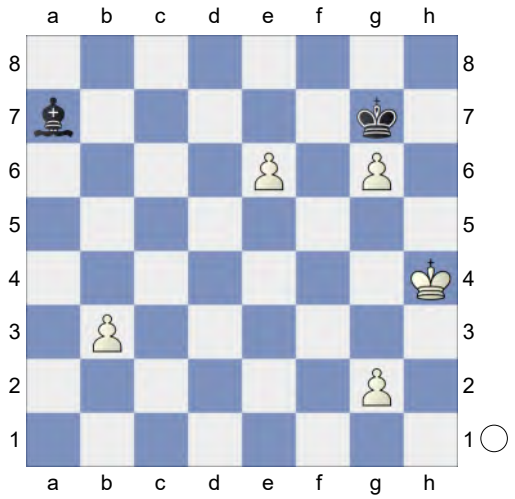


50.Qxf8+ 24.10/31 4 **Bxf8** 0 **51.axb3** 1 **Bc5** 0 **52.g6** 1 White wants to mate with a7!. **52...Kg7** 3

(Diagram)



53.a7! 5 Deflection, Promotion **53...Bxa7** 8



54.e7! 1 **Bf2+** 12 Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.71
55.Kg4 1
1-0

317 **C54**
□ **Rapport,Richard** **2715**
■ **Vocaturo,Daniele** **2600**
Olympiad-45 Budapest (4.2) 14.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 Game was played at (relatively) late stage of the event. Nepomniachtchi was "almost there", while Alireza was trying to finish a bad event on a good note. In the sixth round came an important clash against the young and talented GM Sindarov, member of the Uzbekistan team that won gold medal in the last Olympiad. John Burke had a very good tournament and he proved that sometimes rating is just a number. His minus 1 score still sufficed for a 2658 performance, a TPR 100 points above his rating. This was a very nice attacking game, worthy of sharing. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.h3 Nf6 5.d3 a6N**

[5...d6 6.Nc3 a6 7.a3 Ba7 8.Be3 h6 9.d4 0-0 10.0-0 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Re8 14.f4 b5 15.Ba2 Bb7 16.Rae1 c5 17.Qd3 Qb6 18.Kh2 c4 19.Qf3 Qd4 20.Rd1 1-0 Dardha,D (2606)-Ismayil, M (2002) Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Dec Late blitz 2022 (1)]

[5...0-0 6.Nc3 *(6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.0-0 b6 9.Nc3 Bb7 10.Nd5 Qe6 11.Nh4 Ne7 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Nf5 Qg5 14.c3 d5 15.h4 Qd8 16.Qg4 Qf6* 1-0 Burke,J (2554)-Xiong, J (2700) (ch) 150/109 2021*)* 6...Na5 *(6...a6 7.a4 d6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 Be6 10.Nd5 g5 11.Nxf6+ Qxf6 12.Bxe6 Qxe6 13.Bg3 Ne7 14.h4 g4 15.Nd2 h5 16.0-0 f5 17.exf5 Nxf5 18.Ne4 Ba7 19.Kh2 d5 20.Ng5 Qf6 21.Qe2* ½-½ Supi,L (2608)-Sindarov,J (2654) II Wijk aan Zee 2023 *)* 7.a3 Nxc4 8.dxc4 d6 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Qd3 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Nxg5 hxg5 13.Bxg5 Kg7 14.f4 exf4 15.Ne2 c6 16.b4 Be3 17.Rf1 Kg6 18.h4 Bxc4 19.Qxc4 d5 20.Qb3 0-1 Firouzja,A (2793)-Nepomniachtchi, I (2766) (ct) Madrid 2022]

6.c3 Ba7 7.Bb3 d6 8.Nbd2 Qe7 9.a4!? Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **9...Be6N**

[Vorgänger: 9...h6 10.Nf1 Nh5 11.Ne3 Nf4 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Nd8 14.0-0 0-0 0.49/21 *(Black should play 14...f5=* -0.17/20 *)* 15.Qe2 -0.03/20 *(15.Re1±* 0.49/21 *)* 15...f5 0-1 Zavarce Sayago,O (2124)-Romero Barreto,J (2049) Caribbean-ch U20 2010 (7)]

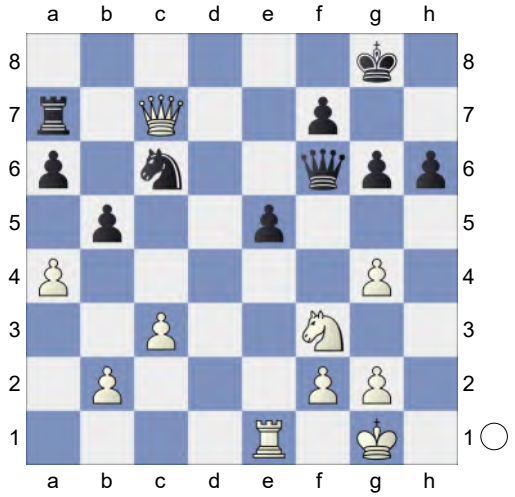
10.0-0 h6 The position is equal. **11.Bxe6 Qxe6 12.Re1 0-0 13.Nf1 d5 14.exd5 Qxd5 15.Be3 Rfd8! 16.Bxa7**

[16.Qd2 simplifies Qxd3 17.Qxd3 Rxd3 18.Bxa7 Rxa7 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Rxe5 Ra8 21.Ne3]

16...Rxa7 17.Ne3 Qxd3 18.Qb3 Re8 19.Rad1 Qg6 20.Nh4 Qh7 1.17/24

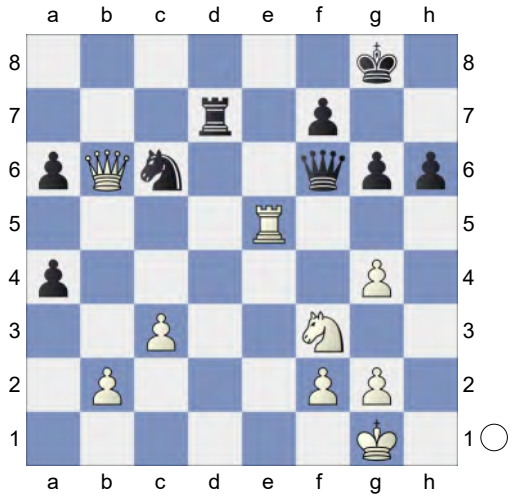
[20...Qg5= -0.09/24 remains equal. 21.Nf3 Qf4]

21.Ng4± Nxg4 22.hxg4 g6 23.Rd7 Qg7 24.Nf3↑ Black is under strong pressure. White has more active pieces. **24...Qf6 25.Rxc7 Re7 26.Qb6 Rxc7 27.Qxc7 b5**



28.Qb6 Strongly threatening Rxe5!. **28...bxa4 29.Rxe5!** This move loses the game for Black. **29...Rd7** 2.45/28

[29...a3± 1.22/28]



30.Re8+!+-

[30.Qxa6? too greedy. Nxe5 31.Qxa4 Rd8 *(31...Nxf3+? 32.gxf3 Qe7 33.Kg2-+)* 32.Nxe5 Qxe5-+]

30...Kg7 31.Qxa6 Rd1+ 2.54/29

[⌓31...Ra7 1.81/26 32.Qc8 Qd6]

32.Re1 Rxe1+ 33.Nxe1 Endgame KQN-KQN. White is a pawn up. **33...Qe6** 3.46/25

[⌓33...Qe5 2.11/26 34.Nf3 Qe4]

34.Kf1 Qd5 5.38/25

[34...Ne5 3.48/24 might work better. 35.Qxa4 Nxg4]

35.Qxa4 White is clearly winning. **35...Ne5 36.Qd4 Qxd4 37.cxd4 Nxg4** KN-KN. White is a pawn up. **38.Ke2 Kf8 39.Nd3 Ke7 40.Ne5 Nf6 41.Kd3 Ke6 42.b4 Nd5 43.Kc4 g5**

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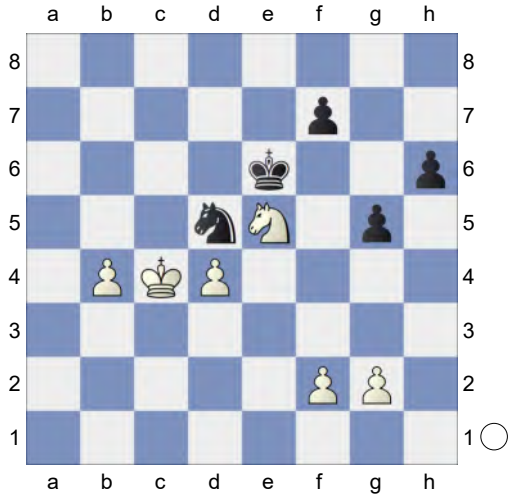

44.Nxf7! Deflection **44...Nb6+ 45.Kb5 Nc8 46.Nxh6 Kd5 47.Nf5 g4 48.f3 gxf3 49.gxf3 Na7+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.55 **50.Ka6**
1-0

318 **C50**
□ **Rapport,R.** **2715**
■ **Sethuraman,S.** **2554**
Oskemen Open Masters 2025 (7.1)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 a6 6.a4 d6 7.0-0 Nd4N**
[7...0-0 8.Be3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 Be6 10.Nd2 Nb4 11.a5 d5 12.exd5 Nfxd5 13.Bxd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.e4 Be6 16.Kh1 f6 17.b3 Qe7 18.Qe2 Qc5 19.Nc4 Rad8 20.Ne3 Rd7 21.Qd2 Qd4 22.Ra4 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2713)-Nakamura,H (2768) Tata Steel India Blitz 2022 (3)]
[7...h6 8.Be3 Be6 9.Nd5 Bxe3 10.fxe3 0-0 11.a5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Ne7 13.e4 Ng6 14.Qe1 Qd7 15.Kh1 Rae8 16.b4 Nh5 17.Rb1 f5 18.b5 fxe4 19.dxe4 Qg4 20.bxa6 bxa6 21.Rb3 Rf4 22.h3 1-0 Ronneland,D (2690)-Behrmann (2541) Budapest FS09 GM 2023 (3.2)]
[7...Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nd4 10.Qg3 Qe7 11.Rb1 c6 12.b4 Bb6 13.Be3 0-0 14.Rfe1 a5 15.b5 Bc5 16.Bxd4 exd4 17.Ne2 Rfe8 18.bxc6 bxc6 19.f3 Bb4 20.Red1 d5 21.Ba2 Bc5 22.Rf1 0-1 Tacke,H (1884)-Mayer,J (1944) corr HL-164 BdF 2009]
8.h3 Repels Bg4 **8...Be6 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Nd5 b5 11.Ba2 bxa4** 0.30/23
[11...Nxd5!∓ -0.37/21 12.exd5 Bd7]
12.Nxf6+= Qxf6 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Rxa4 Nc6 15.Nf3 a5 16.Be3 Bb6 17.Rc4 Ne7 18.Qd2 0.13/19
[18.Rc3± 0.53/20]
18...Rab8 0.56/22
[18...Ng6= 0.13/19]
19.b4 0.18/22
[19.Bxb6± 0.56/22 cxb6 20.d4]
19...axb4! 20.Bxb6
[20.Rxb4 Ba5 21.Rxb8 Bxd2 22.Rxf8+ Qxf8∓]
20...Rxb6 21.Rxc7 Nc6! 22.Rd7 Prevents Qd8
[22.Qg5 Rf7 23.Rc8+ Rf8 24.Rc7]
22...Rd8 23.Rxd8+ Qxd8 24.Ra1 h6 25.Qd1 Rb5 26.Ra6 Qc7 27.Ra8+ Rb8 28.Qa1 Rxa8 29.Qxa8+ Endgame KQN-KQN **29...Kf7 30.h4 Nd4**
[30...Qb6 is more complex. 31.Qc8 Ne7 32.Qd7 Qc6]
31.Nxd4 exd4 KQ-KQ **32.Qa4 Qc5 33.g3 Ke7 34.Kg2 h5 35.Kf3 Kf6 36.Ke2 Qc3 37.Kd1 Qb2 38.Qb5**

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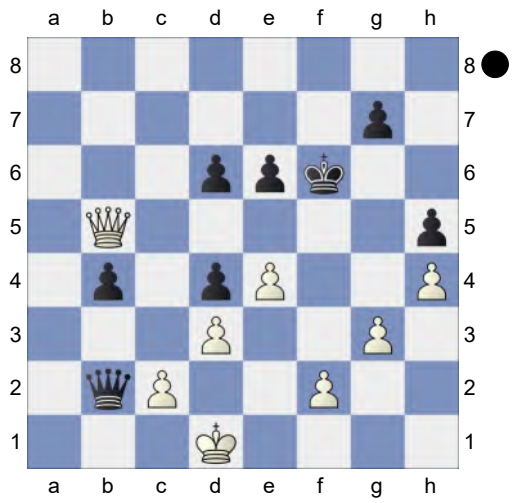

Qa1+! 39.Ke2 Qc1 40.Qc4
[40.Qxh5? too greedy. Qxc2+ 41.Ke1 Qxd3 42.Qg5+ Kf7 43.Qf4+ Ke7 44.Qg5+ Kd7 45.Qxg7+ Kc6-+]
40...Kf7 41.Qa2 Kf6 42.Qb3 Kf7 43.Qc4
[43.Qxb4 Qxc2+ 44.Qd2 Qxd2+ 45.Kxd2 e5]
43...Kf8 44.e5 dxe5 The position is equal. **45.Qxb4+**
[Much worse is 45.Qxe6 Qxc2+ 46.Ke1 Qc3+ *(46...Qxd3 47.Qc8+ Kf7 48.Qd7+ Kg6 49.Qd6+ Kh7 50.Qxe5=)* 47.Ke2 Qc7∓ *(47...Qc2+ 48.Ke1∓)*]
45...Kf7 46.Qd2 Qb1 47.c4 dxc3 48.Qxc3 Qa2+ 49.Qd2 Qa4 50.Qe3 Qc2+ 51.Kf1 Qc3 52.Qf3+ Kg6 53.Kg2 Qb3 54.Kh3 Qb2 55.Qe3

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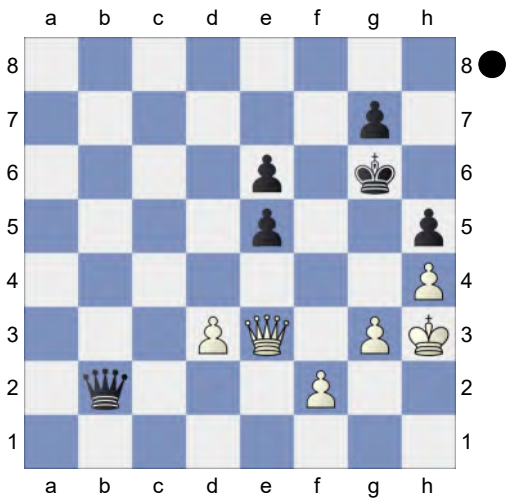

Kf7 56.g4 hxg4+ 57.Kxg4 Qb4+ 58.Kh5 g6+ 59.Kg5 Qf3+ would now be deadly. **59...Qe7+ 60.Kg4 Qd7 61.Qe4 Kf6 62.Kg3 Qb5 63.Qe3 Kg7 64.f3 Qd5 65.Qg5 Kf7 66.Qe3 Kg7 67.Qa7+ Kf6 68.Qb8 Kf7 69.Qc7+ Kf6 70.Qc4 Qa5 71.Qc1 Qd5 72.Qh6 Kf7 73.Qh7+ Kf6 74.Qg8 Qc5** Prevents Qf8+ **75.Kh3 Qd6 76.Kg2 Qc5 77.Qe8 Qd6 78.Qh8+ Kf7 79.Qh7+ Kf6 80.Qh6 Kf7 81.Qe3 Kf6 82.Kh3 Kf7 83.Kg4 Qd5 84.Qe4 Qc5 85.Kg5 Qe7+ 86.Kg4 Qc5 87.Kg5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless) **87...Qe7+**
½-½

319 **C54**
□ **So,Wesley** **2714**
■ **Martirosyan,Haik M** **2610**
WchT Rapid London (4.4) 11.06.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.c3**
[5.a4 d6 6.c3 a6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Ba7 9.Nbd2 Qe7 10.h3 g5 11.Bg3

Nh5 12.Qe2 Qf6 13.Bh2 Nf4 14.Bxf4 gxf4 15.g4 Ne7 16.b4 Ng6 17.Kd1 h5 18.g5 Qe7 19.b5 Kf8 0-1 Anand,V (2784)-Aronian,L (2792) Zuerich Opening Blitz 5th_19495 2016 (3)]

[5.Nc3 h6 6.Be3 Bb6 7.Qd2 d6 8.0-0-0 Na5 9.h3 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.c5 Bxc5 12.Bxc5 dxc5 13.Qxd8+ Rxd8 14.Rxd8+ Kxd8 15.Rd1+ Ke7 16.Nxe5 Rd8 17.f3 g5 18.a3 c6 19.Na4 Rxd1+ 0-1 Arrondo Vila,N-Samper Gonzalez,P (1411) Barcelona Sant Marti op-B 22nd 2022 (9)]

5...0-0 6.0-0N

[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 Qb8 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3) 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003]

6...d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Re1 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nbd2 Nb6 11.Bb3 The position is equal. **11...Qxd3 12.Nxe5 Qf5 13.Nef3!** g4 is in the air. Chess con chili. **13...Rad8! 14.Qe2**

[14.g4!? Bxg4 15.hxg4 Qxg4+ 16.Kh1=]

14...Nd5 14...Nd5 is better than 14...Qc8. 14…Sd5 ist besser als 14…Dc8. **15.Ne4 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Qxf3 17.gxf3 Bb6 18.Rd1!?** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **18...Nde7 19.Bf4 h6 20.a4 a5** 0.65/27

[20...Rxd1+= 0.11/24 21.Rxd1 Rd8]

21.h4!?N White is more active. New and interesting. Theoretisch interessant.

[21.Bg3 0.02/26 21.Nd2 0.70 Nf5 22.Kf1 Nxg3+ 23.fxg3 Ne7 24.Ke2 Rfe8 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Rd1 Rxd1 27.Bxd1 ½-½ So,W (2753)-Xiong,J (2693) USA-ch Saint Louis 2023 (7)]

21...Nf5 22.h5

[22.Rxd8 simplifies Rxd8 23.h5 Nh4 24.Bd1]

22...Nh4 0.92/28

[22...Rxd1+± 0.47/26 is more appropriate. 23.Rxd1 Rc8]

23.Nd2!± Ne5 And now ...Nd3 would win. **24.Kf1!**

[24.Bxe5 Rxd2 25.Rxd2 Nxf3+ 26.Kg2 Nxd2∓]

24...Nd3 1.31/26

[24...Nexf3 25.Nc4±]

[24...Rde8!± 0.53/28]

25.Bg3 This pair of bishops is nice. **25...Nf5 26.Nc4 Nc5 27.Bc2 Nxg3+ 28.fxg3 Ne6** 2.41/27

[28...Nd7± 1.43/25 29.Rd5 c6 30.Rxd7 Remove Defender Rxd7]

29.f4 1.31/26

[29.Be4+- 2.41/27]

29...Rxd1+? 3.72/28

[29...Rfe8± 1.31/26 30.Rab1 Kf8]

30.Rxd1+-

[30.Bxd1 Ra8 31.Bf3 Nc5±]

30...Rd8? 5.55/34

[30...Re8 3.29/29 31.Rd5 Ra8]

31.Rxd8+ Nxd8 Endgame KBN-KBN **32.Be4 Kf8 33.Ke2 Ke7 34.Bd5** Hoping for Nxb6. **34...g6 35.hxg6 fxg6**

36.Kf3 Kf6 37.Ne5? 0.46/30
[White should play 37.Nxb6+- 3.89/29 cxb6 38.Be4]
37...Bg1 38.Kg2 Ba7 39.Nc4 c6 40.Be4 b5? 3.58/29
[40...g5± 0.83/24 is a better defense.]
41.Nxa5
[41.axb5 cxb5 42.Nxa5 g5±]
41...bxa4 42.Bc2? 0.43/28
[42.Bxc6 Nxc6 43.Nxc6 Be3±]
[42.Nxc6+- 3.61/28 Nxc6 43.Bxc6]
42...Bb6 1.56/28
[42...Be3± 0.43/28]
43.Nc4± Bc7 1.22/26
[Black should play 43...a3+- 1.70/25 44.Nxa3 *(44.Nxb6? loses. a2-+)* 44...Bc5]
44.Bxa4 0.60/26
[44.Nd2± 1.22/26]
44...g5± 45.fxg5+ Kxg5 46.Nd2 Kf6 47.Kh3 Ke5 0.95/24
[47...Bb6± 0.50/23]
48.Kg4 c5? 2.58/25
[48...Ke6± 1.01/23 49.Nb3 Ke5]
49.Kh5!+- Nf7 50.Bc2? 0.66/26
[50.Kg6+- 2.78/25 Ng5 51.Bc2 *(51.Kxh6 Kf6±)*]
50...Kf6± 51.Ne4+ 0.47/26
[51.Bg6!± 1.09/25]
51...Kg7 1.19/24
[51...Ke7!± 0.47/26]
52.Nxc5± Bxg3

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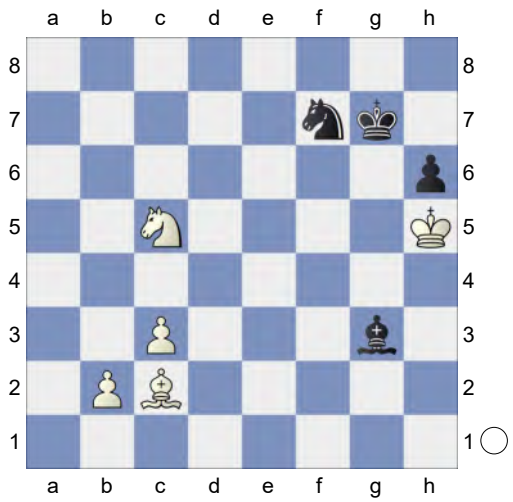
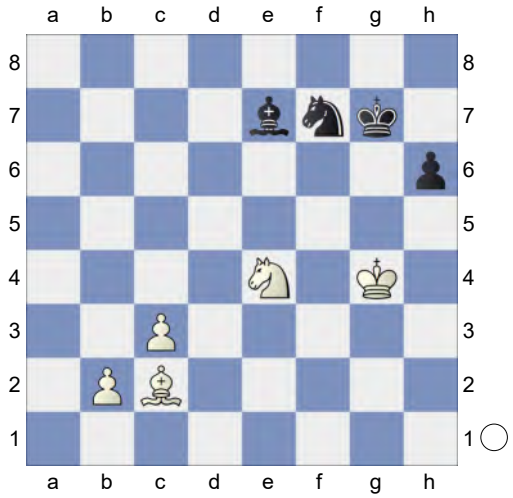


53.Kg4! Bd6 54.Ne4 Be7 2.00/23
[54...Bb8± 0.95/25]

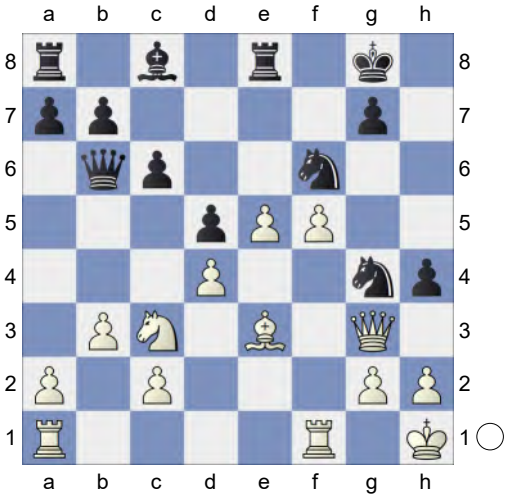


55.Kf5!+- h5? 3.48/26
[55...Ng5± 1.47/24]
56.Ke6 Bd8 5.05/24
[⌓56...Kf8 3.53/24 57.Nf6 Ng5+ 58.Kf5 h4]
57.b4 h4 58.c4 h3 59.Bd1? 0.92/25
[59.c5+- 3.93/26 and White stays clearly on top. Bg5 60.Nd6 *(60.Nxg5? Nxg5+ 61.Kf5 h2-+)* 60...Nxd6 61.cxd6 *(61.Kxd6 Kf6+-)*]
59...h2? 6.21/23
[59...Bc7± 0.92/25]
60.Bf3 White is clearly winning. **60...Bc7 61.c5 Ne5 62.Bh1 Nd3 63.b5 Kg6**

64.c6 Ba5 65.Kd6 Bb4+ 66.Kd7 Ba5 67.c7 Ne5+ 68.Kd6 Nc4+ 69.Kc6 Bxc7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.55 **70.Kxc7**
1-0

320 **C50**
□ **Lovefully** **2712**
■ **BLITZ16** **2481**
Rapid 29.07.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo Main notes are from Melbourne paper but GA MacDonnell also published it in ISDN for 3 Sept 1881 - he has got it from Adelaide Observer. 'A very interesting game played by correspondence a short time ago between Messrs H. Charlick and J. Mann.' The variations preceded by "RR" were given by Gary Lane in an internet article on the Jerome Gambit at www.chesscafe.com in 2008. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.Qh5+ Ng6 7.Qd5+ Ke8 8.Qxc5** Black is clearly better.
8...d6 9.Qe3 Nf6 10.d3N
[10.d4 Qe7 11.0-0 Ng4 12.Qe2 Qh4 13.h3 Nf6 14.f4 Nh5 15.Qf2 Qxf2+ 16.Rxf2 Rf8 17.f5 Ne7 18.c4 c6 19.g4 Nf6 20.Nc3 d5 21.e5 Nd7 22.cxd5 Nxd5 23.Ne4 N7b6 24.b3 a5 1-0 Charmeteau,S (2292)-Guichard,P (2430) FRA-chT Top 12 2019 (7.6) 25.e6 h6 26.Bb2 Ke7 27.Re1 Ra7 28.Nc5 Na8 29.Nd3 b5 30.Ne5 Kd6 31.Rc1 Ra6 32.Rc5 Bb7 33.Rfc2 Rc8 34.Bc1 a4 35.b4 a3 36.Bd2 Nab6 37.Be1 Na4 38.Bg3 Ke7 39.Nd7 Nxc5 1-0 Deloras,B-Walker,M EST-ch Tallinn 1943 40.dxc5 Rg8 41.Bd6+ Ke8 42.Rd2 Ra4 43.Rxd5 cxd5 44.f6 gxf6 45.Nxf6+ Kd8 46.e7+ Kc8 47.Nxg8 Bc6 48.Nf6 Rxb4 49.e8Q+ Bxe8 50.Nxe8 Rb1+ 51.Kf2 Rb2+ 52.Kf3 Rxa2 53.Nc7 b4 54.Nxd5 b3 1-0 Charlick,H-Mann, J corr 1881]
10...Rf8 11.f4 Kf7 12.0-0
[12.f5? Bxf5 13.exf5 Re8 14.fxg6+ Kxg6-+]
12...Kg8 13.Nc3 c6 14.f5 Ne5 15.b3 d5 -0.29/17
[15...b5∓ -1.32/18 16.Qg3 b4]
16.Qg3!= Re8 17.d4 Qb6
[17...Nxe4 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.f6 *(19.dxe5 Bxf5 20.Be3 Qc8±)* 19...Qxd4+ 20.Be3+-]
18.Be3 Neg4
[18...Nxe4 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.dxe5+-]
19.e5 Threatens to win with Rae1.
19...h5 0.27/21
[⊼19...Qb4 -0.15/21 20.Ne2 h5]
20.Kh1 h4



Deflection **21.Qxh4** 0.00/23
[21.Qh3!± 0.45/22]
21...Nxe3 22.exf6 Nxf1
[22...Bxf5 23.Qg3 g6 *(23...Nxf1 24.Qxg7#)* 24.Rxf5+-]

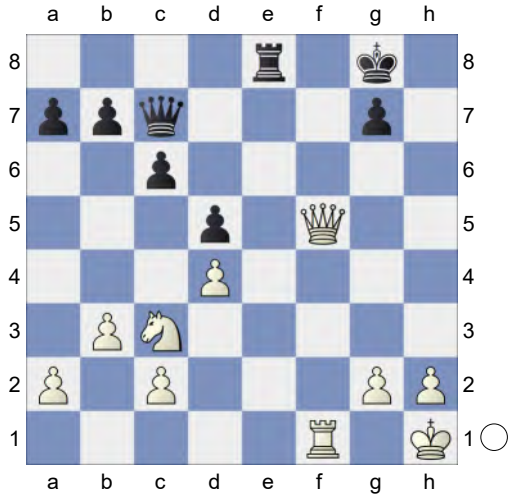
[22...Nxf5 23.Qh5 *(23.Qg5 Qc7∓)* 23...Re3 *(23...Rf8? 24.fxg7 Kxg7 25.g4+-)* 24.Qg5±]

23.Qh5→ White wants to mate with f7+. White attacks. Chess con chili. White now steadily converts the win. **23...Bxf5?** 5.01/21 **24.f7++-** Zwischenzug, Double Attack

[Worse is 24.Qxf5 Qc7 *(24...Ng3+ 25.hxg3 Qc7 26.Rf1∓)* 25.Rxf1 Qf7=]

24...Kf8 Hoping for ...Ng3+!. **25.fxe8Q+ Rxe8 26.Qxf5+ Kg8 27.Rxf1 Qc7** 10.18/17

[⊿27...Qd8 5.08/18 28.Qf7+ Kh7 29.Qh5+ *(29.Qxb7 Qf6+-* Back Rank *)* 29...Kg8 30.Qf7+]



Repels Qf7+ **28.Nxd5! cxd5**

[28...Qd8 29.Qf7+]

29.Qxd5+ KQR-KQR. White is 3 pawns up. **29...Kh8 30.Qh5+ Kg8 31.Qxe8+ Kh7 32.Qh5+ Kg8 33.Qd5+ Kh7 34.Rf8 g6** Dodges Qh5+ **35.Rf7+** White mates. **35...Qxf7 36.Qxf7+ Kh6 37.Qxb7 a6 38.Qxa6 Kh5 39.Qf6 g5 40.Qh8+ Kg4 41.Qh3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.96 **41...Kf4**

1-0

321 **C54**

□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2712**

■ **Radjabov,Teimour** **2745**

Tata Steel India blitz (8) 08.09.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**

[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]

5...a6N

[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3)]

6.0-0 Ba7

[6...d6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Qe7 0.44/22 *(8...Ba7=* 0.08/20 *)* 9.Nbd2± Ba7 10.a4 g5 11.Bg3 Rg8 0.81/19

(11...Bg4= 0.23/19 remains equal.*)* 12.b4± h5 13.h4 Bg4 0.98/19 *(13...gxh4!±* 0.35/21 *14.Bxh4 Rg4)* 14.Qe1 gxh4 15.Bxh4 0-1 Erigaisi,A (2702)-Radjabov,T (2747) Global Chess League rapid 2023 (1.3)]

7.Bg5 7.a4 gains popularity. 7.a4 wird beliebter. **7...d6** **8.Nbd2** has lost popularity (8.a4). verliert an Beliebtheit (8.a4). **8...Ne7N** 0.56/22

[Vorgänger: 8...h6 9.Bh4 0-0 10.b4 g5 11.Bg3! Kg7 12.Bb3 Nh7 13.Nc4 h5 14.h4 g4 0-1 Firouzja,A (2785)-Nakamura,H (2775) Norway Chess Armageddon 11th rapid 2023 (6)]

[8...h6= 0.10/22 9.Be3 Bxe3 10.fxe3 b5]

9.d4 White is slightly better. **9...Ng6** **10.h3** **h6** **11.Be3** **0-0** **12.Re1** **c6** 0.42/19

[12...exd4!= 0.02/19 13.Bxd4 *(13.cxd4 d5=)* 13...c5 14.Bxf6 Qxf6]

13.Bd3 **Re8** **14.Qc2** **Be6** **15.c4** **exd4** **16.Nxd4** **Bd7** **17.Rad1** **Qc7** **18.Bf1** **Re5** 0.45/20

[18...Rad8= -0.01/20]

19.g3 -0.01/19

[19.N4f3± 0.45/20 is more appropriate. Ree8 20.Bxa7 Rxa7 21.c5 dxc5 22.Qxc5]

19...Rae8= **20.Bg2** **Qb8** **21.f4** -0.42/19

[21.b4= 0.30/18]

21...Rh5 0.76/19

[21...R5e7∓ -0.42/19]

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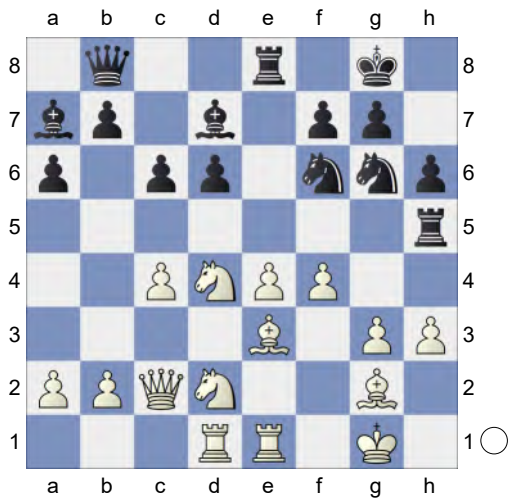


22.f5!± **Ne5** **23.Nf1** 0.15/21

[23.N2f3± 0.51/21]

23...b5 **24.cxb5** **axb5** **25.b3?** -1.76/20

[25.Nf3± 0.44/22 stays ahead.]

25...c5? 0.01/22

[25...d5-+ -1.76/20 26.g4 Nfxg4 27.hxg4 Nxg4]

26.Ne2 -1.48/21

[26.Nf3!= 0.01/22 was the only way to keep the balance.]

26...c4 -0.57/22

[26...d5∓ -1.48/21 Hoping for ...dxe4. 27.Nf4 d4]

27.Nf4!∓ **Rg5** **28.Bxa7** **Qxa7+** **29.Qf2** **Qb8** -0.23/19 Black is more active.

[29...Qa6∓ -0.68/20]

30.Qd4= **Bc6**

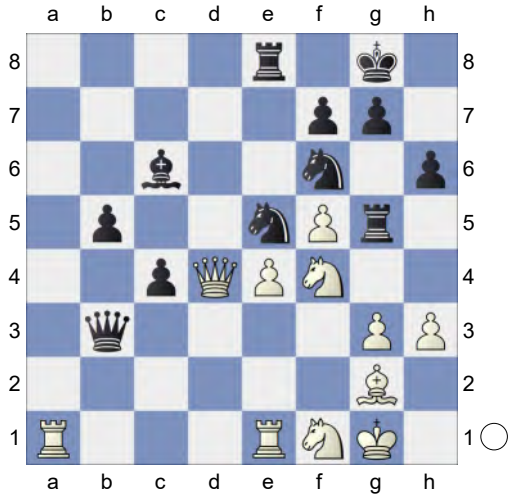
[30...d5 simplifies 31.exd5 Rxf5 32.bxc4 Nxc4 33.Rxe8+ Nxe8 34.Nd3 Rg5]

31.Qxd6 **Qa7+** **32.Qd4** **Qxa2** Black continues to play with concentration. **33.Ra1?** -3.41/21

[33.bxc4!= -0.13/21 and White stays safe. bxc4 *(33...Nxc4 34.e5+-; 33...Qxc4 34.Qxc4 Nxc4 35.Rd4±)* 34.Re3]

33...Qxb3-+

(Diagram)



34.Reb1? -10.63/22
[34.Re3 -3.07/20 Qb4 35.Ra7]
34...Nf3+ Black is clearly winning.
35.Bxf3 Qxf3 36.Ng2 Bxe4 37.Rb2 Qxf5 38.g4 Qc5 39.Qxc5 Rxc5 40.Nge3 c3 41.Rb4 Bd3 42.Rc1 Rd8 43.Rb3 Ne4 44.Rb4 g6 45.Nh2 Nd2 46.Kf2 Kg7 47.h4 c2 48.h5 Re5 49.Nf3 Nxf3 50.Kxf3 Rd6 51.Nxc2 Rc5 52.Rb2 Rdc6 53.hxg6 Bxg6 54.Rcb1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/Black=0.37 **54...Bxc2**
0-1

322 **C54**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2712**
■ **Harikrishna,Pentala** **2711**
Tata Steel India blitz (3) 08.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.Bg5 a5 7.0-0 h6 8.Bh4 Ba7** 8...0-0 is setting a new trend. 8…0-0 setzt einen neuen Trend. **9.Re1N**
[9.a4 g5 10.Bg3 Ne7 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Ng6 13.d4 Nh5 14.dxe5 Nxg3 15.hxg3 dxe5 16.Rad1 g4 17.Nh2 Qg5 18.Rfe1 Kg7 19.Re2 h5 20.Ndf1 h4 21.Rd3 hxg3 22.Rxg3 Nf4 23.Nxg4 Bxg4 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2677)-Fedoseev,V (2685) Chess.com Rapid Winners 2022 (2.3) 24.Ne3 Bxe3 25.Rexe3 Ng6 26.Be2 Be6 27.Qb5 Qf4 28.Qc5 Rh8 29.Qxc7 Rh6 30.Bf3 Rc8 31.Qxa5 Rch8 32.Kf1 Rh1+ 33.Ke2 Bc4+ 34.Kd2 Rf1 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2688)-Harikrishna,P (2720) Olympiad-44 Chennai 2022 (6.1)]
[9.Nbd2 g5 10.Bg3 0-0 11.Bb3 Nh7 12.Kh1 Qf6 13.Nc4 Qg7 14.Ne3 Nf6 15.a4 *(15.Bc2 Kh8 16.Rc1 Nh5 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.exf5 Rad8 19.Nd2 Nxg3+ 20.fxg3 f6 21.g4 d5 22.Qf3 Qf7 23.Ba4 Ne7 24.Bd1 c6 25.Qh3 Ng8 26.Bc2 Qc7 27.a4 Rd7 28.Nb3 Re7 29.Rce1 b5* 0-1 Keuter,K-Glatthaar,M corr 150/107 2020*)* 15...Kh8 16.Qe2 Bd7 17.Rae1 Rae8 18.Qd1 Bc8 19.Nd2 h5 20.h4 Ng4 21.hxg5 Qxg5 22.Nf3 Nxe3 23.Nxg5 Nxd1 Mcdermott,F-Schakel,C corr 150/(107) 2020]
9...0-0 0.38/19
[9...Qe7= -0.12/20]
10.Nbd2± Be6 11.a3N
[Vorgänger: 11.Bb5 g5 12.Bg3 Nh7 0.60/21 *(12...Rb8=* 0.22/20 *)* 13.h3± Ne7 14.d4 f6 15.Bc4 Bf7 16.Bxf7+ Rxf7 17.Nc4! 1-0 Van Foreest,J (2702)-Sargissian,G (2681) Wch Rapid Warsaw 2021 (5)]
11...Qe7 12.b4 Bxc4 13.Nxc4 Qe6 14.bxa5 0.07/22
[14.Nxa5± 0.59/21 Nxa5 15.Bxf6]
14...Bc5 1.11/22
[14...Nd7= 0.07/22]

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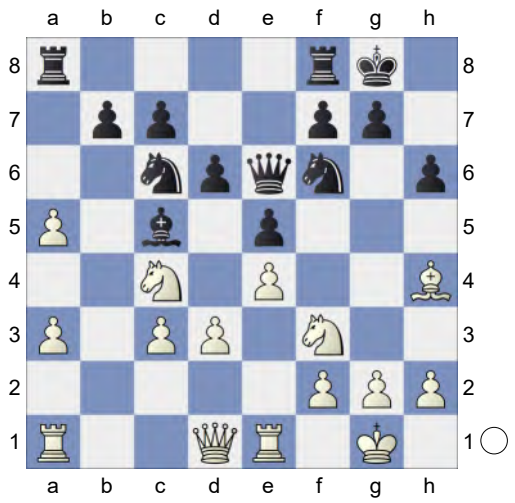
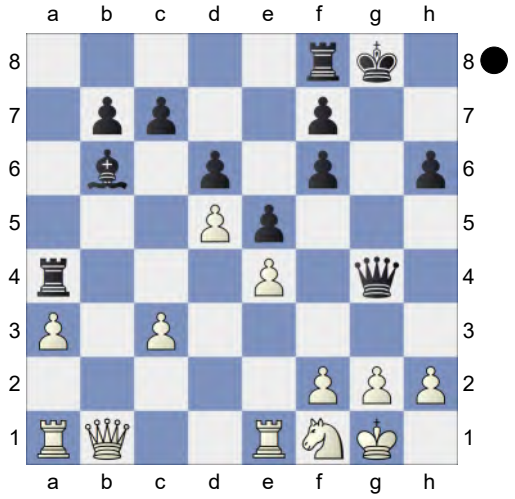


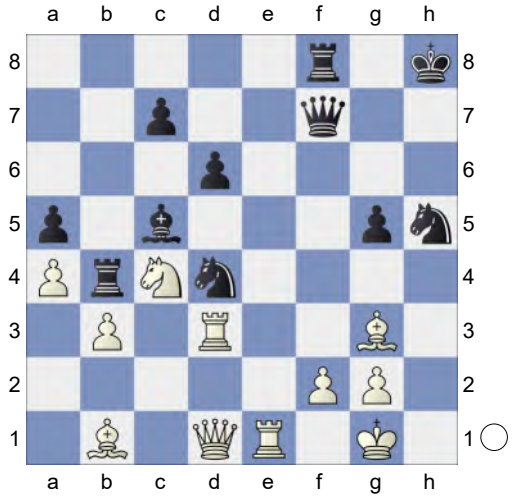
15.Qb1 -0.16/21
[White has to play 15.d4!± 1.11/22 and d5 should not be overlooked Qxc4 16.Bxf6]
15...Nxa5= 16.Nxa5 Rxa5 17.d4 -0.92/24
[17.Bxf6!= -0.12/21 Qxf6 18.Qxb7]
17...Bb6∓ 18.d5 Qg4 -0.13/23
[18...Qe7∓ -1.03/24 Hoping for ...g5. 19.Bxf6 Qxf6]
19.Bxf6= gxf6 20.Nd2 Ra4 Inhibits Nc4. **21.Nf1**



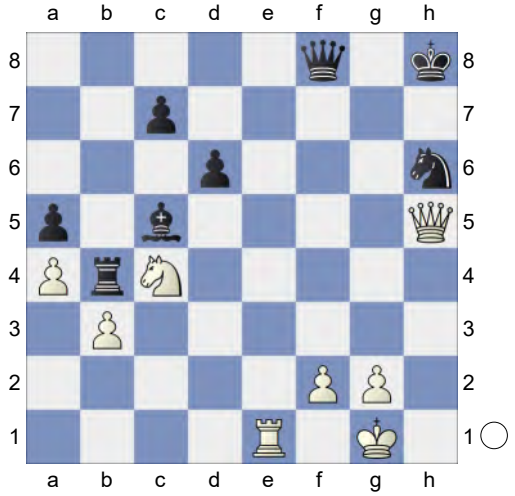
f5! 22.exf5 Rf4 0.01/23
[22...Rfa8!∓ -0.60/21]
23.Ne3
[23.Ra2 simplifies Qxf5 24.Qxf5 Rxf5 25.Re4]
23...Bxe3 0.40/25
[23...Qg5= 0.01/22]
24.fxe3± Rxf5 25.Qxb7 Rg5 26.Ra2 0.08/22
[26.Qb2± 0.71/23]
26...Qc4= Repels a4 **27.Rc2 f5 28.Qc6 Qxc6 29.dxc6** Endgame KRR-KRR. White is a pawn up. **29...Ra8 30.Rb1 Ra6 31.a4 Rg4 32.c4**
[32.Rb8+ Kf7 33.Rh8 Rxc6∓ *(33...Raxa4 34.Rh7+ Rg7 35.Rxh6=)*]
32...Rxc6 33.a5 Rgxc4 34.Rxc4 Rxc4 KR-KR. Black is a pawn up. **35.Ra1**
[35.a6!? Ra4□ 36.Rb7=]
35...Rb4! 36.a6 Repels Rb7 **36...Rb8! 37.Kf2 Kf7 38.Kf3**
[38.a7!? Ra8□ 39.Kf3=]
38...Ke6 39.g4 fxg4+ 40.Kxg4 c5 41.e4 Ra8 42.Kh5 -0.47/27
[42.a7= 0.00/26]
42...c4 -0.01/26
[42...d5!∓ -0.47/27 43.exd5+ Kxd5]
43.Kxh6 -0.54/26
[43.a7!= -0.01/26]
43...c3 -0.01/24
[43...d5!∓ -0.54/26 44.exd5+ Kxd5]
44.h4 -0.63/27
[White should play 44.a7= -0.01/24]
44...c2 -0.01/27
[Better is 44...d5!∓ -0.63/27 45.exd5+ Kxd5]
45.Rc1! The position is equal. **45...Rxa6**
[45...Kf6 is more complex. 46.Rf1+ Ke7 47.Rc1 Rxa6 48.Rxc2 Ra4]
46.Rxc2 d5 47.exd5+ Kxd5+ 48.Kg7 e4 49.h5 e3 50.h6 Ra7+ 51.Kg6 Ra6+ 52.Kg7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise) **52...Ra7+**
½-½

323 **C54**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2710**
■ **Navara,David** **2689**
Biel Blitz 56th (3) 22.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Bg5** Recently 7.Re1 got a lot of attention. 7.Te1 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. **7...h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Bb6N**
[9...a6 10.a4 Ba7 11.Nbd2 Ne7 12.d4 exd4 13.Nxd4 Bxd4 14.cxd4 d5 15.e5 Ne8 16.Bd3 Nf5 17.Bxf5 Bxf5 18.f4 Ng7 19.Rc1 Ne6 20.Nb3 Kh7 21.Rc3 c6 22.Re3 ½-½ Blahynka,M (1890)-Sharevich,A (2026) WchT U26 01 prel-4 1978 (3. 2)]
10.Nbd2 Kg7 White is slightly better.
11.Re1 0.07/22
[11.a4± 0.52/18]
11...Nh7N
[Predecessor: 11...Bg4 0.49/19 11...g4 0.11 12.Nf1 Nd7 13.Ne3 0.13/20 *(13.h3± 0.49/19* might be stronger. *Bh5 14.Ne3)* 13...Bxe3= 14.fxe3 Qe7 15.Rf1 f5 16.exf5 Rxf5 17.e4 -0.26/22 *(17.Bd5± 0.46/20)* 17...Rf6 0-1 Hansen,V (2105)-Fontaine,R (2517) Dresden ZMD op 2004 (2)]
12.Nf1 f5 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.Ne3 Bg6 1.36/20
[Black should try 14...Bxe3± 0.31/21 15.fxe3 Nf6]
15.d4± Bh5 1.82/20
[15...e4± 1.23/19]
16.Be2+-
[16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Be2 *(17.Bxe5+ dxe5 18.Nd5 Bxf3±)* 17...Nxf3+ 18.Bxf3 Bxf3 19.gxf3 h5=]
16...Bxf3 17.Bxf3 exd4 18.cxd4 Nxd4 19.Bxb7 Rb8 20.Be4 Nf6 21.Bb1
[21.Nf5+?! Nxf5 22.Bxf5 Bc5±]
21...Qd7 22.a4? -0.01/21
[22.b4!+- 1.63/20]
22...a5 0.85/23
[22...Bc5= -0.01/21]
23.Ra3± Bc5 24.Rd3 Rb4 25.h4 0.24/22
[25.h3!± 0.95/20]
25...Kh8? 5.16/23
[25...Re8= 0.24/22 and Black is okay.]
26.hxg5+- hxg5 6.91/21
[⌓26...Ne4 4.65/20 27.Bh4 *(27.gxh6 Nxg3 28.fxg3 Qe6∓)* 27...Ne6 *(27...hxg5? 28.Nd5+-* Discovered Attack *)*]
27.b3? 0.01/25
[White should play 27.Nd5+- 6.91/21]
27...Qf7= 28.Nc4
[28.Rc3 simplifies Re8 29.Nc2 Nxc2 30.Bxc2 Rd4 31.Rxe8+ Qxe8 32.Bd3]
28...Nh5 1.62/23
[28...Nf5± 0.50/23 29.Bf4 *(29.Nxa5? Nxg3* Pin *30.Qc2 Nd5-+)* 29...g4 *(29...gxf4 30.Rh3+ Nh7 31.Qh5∓)*]



29.Qg4? 0.06/24
[29.Rxd4 Nxg3 30.fxg3 Kg7∓ *(30...Bxd4+? is the wrong capture. 31.Qxd4+ Kg8 32.Bc2+-; 30...Qf2+? 31.Kh2+-)*]
[29.Re7!+- 1.62/23 Qxe7 30.Qxh5+ Kg8 31.Re3]
29...Nf5!⇄ Black has counterplay. Excellent horsemanship. **30.Rf3** Some like it hot **30...Nhxg3** Pin **31.Bxf5! Nxf5 32.Qxg5** Rh3+ is the strong threat. **32...Qg7! 33.Qh5+ Nh6?** 7.61/25
[33...Qh7= 0.10/24 34.Qg5 d5]
34.Rxf8++- Qxf8

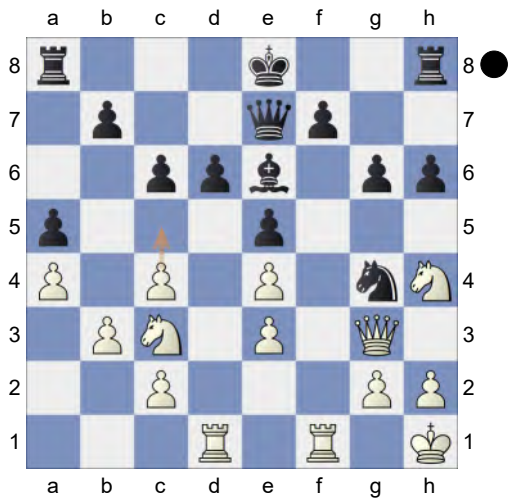


35.Re8! Pin **35...Bxf2+ 36.Kf1 Rb8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.91 **37.Qxh6+** Pin, Double Attack
1-0

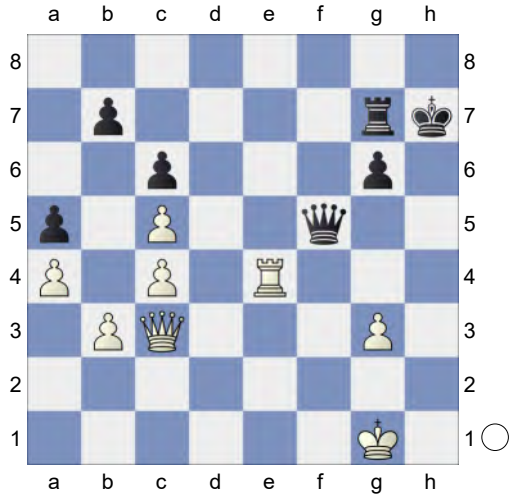
324 **C50**
□ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2710**
■ **Makhnev,Denis** **2531**
FIDE World Bl Team Final blitz (1.2)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 a6 6.Be3 d6** 6...d6 scores better than 6...Bxe3. 6...d6 punktet besser als 6...Lxe3. **7.0-0 Bxe3 8.fxe3 Na5 9.a4N** -0.49/25
[9.Bb3 0-0 10.d4 Qe7 11.Qd3 Bd7 12.Rae1 Rad8 13.Nd2 *(13.Nd5!? Nxd5 14.Bxd5∓)* 13...Nxb3 14.axb3 b5 15.Ne2 ½-½ Sadhwani,R (2627)-Erigaisi,A (2701) Chessable Masters Div 2 Win rapid 2023 (1.1) c5 16.d5 Ne8 17.Ra1 Nc7 18.c3 g6 19.Rf2 Kg7 20.Raf1 a5 21.h3 h5 22.Kh2 Ra8 23.Qc2 Ra7 24.Ng1 Qg5 25.Qd3 b4 26.Ngf3 Qe7 27.Ra1 Bb5 28.c4 Bd7 29.Nf1 h4 30.N1d2 ½-½ Sadhwani,R (2627)-Erigaisi,A (2701) Chessable Masters Div 2 Win rapid 2023 (1.1) Rh8 31.Raf1 Rf8 32.Qe2 Ne8 33.Qe1 g5 34.Ng1 Kg6 35.Qd1 Ng7 36.Ne2 Nh5 37.Rg1 Rh8 38.Rgf1 Rh7 39.Rg1 Kg7 40.Qe1 Kh8 41.Nc1 Ng3 42.Ne2 g4 43.Nc1 Nxe4 44.Nxe4 g3+ 45.Kh1 ½-½ 8. ♗h4 g6 9.f4 e5 (2627)-6. ♘a3 cd4 7.cd4 ♗d7 (2701) Olympiad-38 Dresden 2008 (1.1)]
[9.Bb3= -0.01/24]
9...Nxc4∓ 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 a5 12.Qe1 h6 13.Rd1 Qe7 -0.01/24
[13...Nd7∓ -0.45/25]
14.Kh1 -0.58/22
[White should play 14.Nd5= -0.01/24 Bxd5 15.exd5]
14...c6 15.Nh4 g6 Repels Nf5 **16.Qf2 Ng4 17.Qg3**

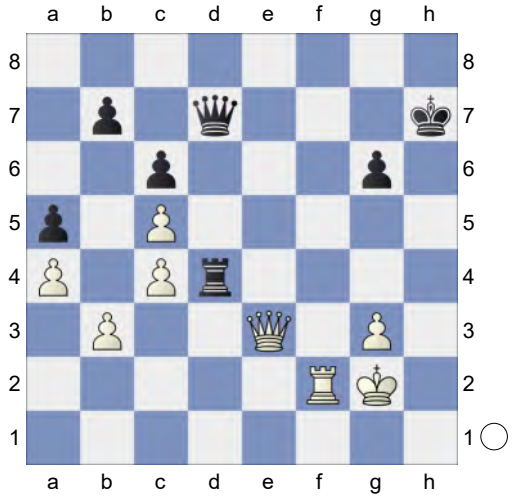
(Diagram)



Nxe3 0.01/21 **18.Qxe3= Qxh4 19.Rxd6 0-0 20.c5 Rae8**
[20...Qg5 21.Qg1 Rfd8 22.Rfd1 Rxd6 23.cxd6 Rd8]
21.Kg1 Kg7 0.51/25
[21...Qg5= -0.22/28 22.Qxg5 hxg5]
22.Ne2 0.01/26
[22.Nd1⩲ 0.51/25]
22...Bc8 0.38/28
[22...Rd8= 0.01/26]
23.Nc1 -0.01/24
[23.Ng3!⩲ 0.38/28]
23...f5 24.exf5 Rxf5 25.Rxf5 Bxf5 26.Nd3 Against Qf4 **26...Re7 27.g3 Qh5 28.Qe1** -0.70/27 Wards off Qd1
[28.Nxe5? Bh3 *(28...Bxc2 29.Rd7∓)* 29.g4 Qxe5-+]
[28.Nf4= -0.01/29 Qg5 Pin 29.h4 *(29.Qc3 Kh7∓)*]
28...Qg5 -0.14/25
[28...Kh7∓ -0.70/27]
29.c4 -1.58/28
[29.h4!= -0.14/25 Qh5 30.Rd4 *(30.Qxa5? Qf3-+; 30.Nxe5? Bh3-+)*]
29...h5 -0.21/30
[29...Bxd3∓ -1.58/28 30.Rxd3 e4 31.Qc3+ Qf6 32.Qxf6+ Kxf6 33.Rd6+ Ke5]
30.Nf2
[30.Qxa5? Bxd3 31.Qe1 e4 32.Qc3+ Kh7-+]
[30.Nxe5? Bh3 31.Rd1 Rxe5-+]
30...e4 -0.01/25
[30...Re8∓ -0.48/27]
31.Qc3+ Kh7 aiming for ...e3. **32.Rd8**
[32.Qxa5 e3 33.Qe1 exf2+ 34.Qxf2 Qc1+ 35.Kg2 h4-+]
[32.h4!? Qh6□ 33.Rd8∓]
32...Rg7 0.75/29
[32...Re5= -0.01/27 33.Rb8 *(33.Qxa5? Qe7-+)* 33...Qe7 *(33...Rxc5 34.Qh8#)* 34.Rxb7 Qxb7 35.Qxe5 Qxb3]
33.Re8± h4 1.00/24
[33...Rg8= 0.22/28 keeps the balance. 34.h4 *(34.Nxe4 Bxe4 35.Rxe4 Qxc5+ 36.Kg2 Rf8=)* 34...Qh6 35.Nxe4 Rxe8 36.Nf6+ Kh8 37.Nxe8+ Discovered Attack (Check) Kg8]
34.Nxe4 0.01/21
[34.Kg2!± 1.00/24]
34...Bxe4= 35.Rxe4 hxg3 1.19/28
[35...Qxc5+= 0.04/23 36.Kh1 hxg3]
36.hxg3± Endgame KQR-KQR. White is a pawn up.
[36.Qxa5? gxh2+ 37.Kxh2 Rd7-+]
36...Qf5 1.90/26
[36...Qxc5+± 1.34/25 37.Kg2 Qf5]



37.Qe3? 0.09/24
[37.Qd4!+- 1.90/26 And now Rh4+ would win. Qd7 38.Qd6]
37...Rd7? 10.69/24
[37...Kg8= 0.09/24]
38.Rf4? 0.53/25
[38.Rh4++- 10.69/24 Kg7 39.Qh6+ Kf7 40.Rf4 Pin]
38...Rd1+!± 39.Kg2 Qd7 Repels Qe7+ **40.Rf2** Repels Rd2 **40...Rd4** 1.07/25
[40...Qg7± 0.69/29 is more appropriate.]



41.Qe5 0.01/28
[41.Re2!± 1.07/25 Kg8 42.Qg5]
41...Rd2= 42.Qf4 Rxf2+ 43.Kxf2 KQ-KQ. White is a pawn up. **43...Kg7 44.Qd6 Qf5+ 45.Ke3 Qc2 46.Qe7+ Kh6 47.Qh4+ Kg7 48.Qe7+ Kh6 49.Qxb7 Qc3+ 50.Ke4 Qxg3 51.b4 Qe1+ 52.Kd4 axb4**
[52...Qd2+ simplifies 53.Ke5 Qc3+ 54.Ke6 Qxc4+ 55.Kd6 axb4 56.Qxc6 Qf4+]
53.a5? -3.42/25
[53.Qxc6= -0.01/19 Qc3+ 54.Ke4 *(54.Kd5? Qf3+ 55.Kd6 Qxc6+ 56.Kxc6 b3-+)*]
53...Qc3+-+ Deflection **54.Ke4 b3**
[54...Qxc4+ 55.Kf3 Qd5+ *(55...Qxc5? 56.Qb6-+)* 56.Kg3 Qd3+ *(56...Qxc5? 57.Qf7-+)* 57.Kf2 Qd2+ 58.Kf1 Qc1+ 59.Ke2 Qc4+ *(59...Qxc5? 60.a6-+)* 60.Kf3]
55.a6? -5.78/27
[55.Qb8 -2.32/24 was the crucial defense. Qxc4+ *(55...Qxa5 56.Qh8+ Kg5 57.Qe5+ Kg4 58.Qf4+ Kh5 59.Qe5+ Kg4 60.Qf4+ Kh5 61.Qh2+ Kg4 62.Qf4+=)* 56.Kf3 Qxc5 57.Qh8+ Kg5 58.Qd8+ Kf5 59.Qc8+ Kf6 60.Qh8+ Ke7 61.Qg7+ Kd8 62.a6]
55...b2 (→ ...Qe1+) **56.a7 Qxc4+ 57.Ke5 Qxc5+ 58.Kf6 Qf5+ 59.Ke7 b1Q** -7.47/28
[59...b1B 60.a8Q *(60.a8B? Qe5+ 61.Kd8 Qd6+ 62.Qd7 Qxd7+ 63.Kxd7 c5-+)* 60...Qe5+ 61.Kf7 Qg7+ 62.Ke6 Bf5+ 63.Kd6 Qf6+ 64.Kc7 Qe5+ 65.Kd8 Qh8+ 66.Ke7 Qe5+ 67.Kf8=]
[⌓59...Qe5+ -16.52/28 60.Kd8 Qh8+ 61.Kd7 Qh7+ 62.Kxc6 Qxb7+ 63.Kxb7 b1Q+ *(63...b1B? 64.Kc7-+)* 64.Kc7 Qe4]
60.Qxb1 Qxb1 61.a8Q Dodges Qb7+. KQ-KQ. Black is two pawns up. **61...Qe4+ 62.Kf7 Qf3+ 63.Ke7 g5 64.Qh8+ Kg6** (→ ...Qf7+) **65.Qe8+** -20.25/27
[⌓65.Qg8+ -4.90/25 Kh5 66.Qh8+ Kg4 67.Qe5]
65...Kf5 -4.93/26
[⌓65...Kg7 -20.25/27 66.Qa8 Qf7+ 67.Kd6 Qf8+ 68.Qxf8+ Kxf8]
66.Qd7+ Kf4 67.Kf6 -7.92/24
[⌓67.Qd6+ -4.45/24 Kg4 68.Qe5]
67...g4 68.Qd6+ Ke3+ 69.Kg5 g3 -12.74/24
[⌓69...Qd5+ -#13/26 70.Qxd5 cxd5 71.Kxg4 d4 72.Kh4 d3 73.Kh5 d2 74.Kh6 d1Q *(74...d1B 75.Kh7=)*

75.Kg7 Qd7+ 76.Kg6 Qe7 77.Kf5 Kf3 78.Kg6 Kg4 79.Kh6 Kf5 80.Kh5 Qh7#]

70.Qc5+ Ke2 -5.15/22

[⌓70...Kd3 -10.51/24 (→ ...Qe3+) 71.Qa3+ Ke4]

71.Kh4 -#21/24

[71.Qc2+-+ -5.15/22 Kf1 72.Qc1+ Kf2 73.Qb2+ Qe2 74.Qf6+ Kg1 *(74...Qf3? 75.Qb2+ Qe2 76.Qf6+ Kg1 77.Qxc6-+)* 75.Qxc6]

71...g2 72.Qc2+ Kf1 73.Qc1+ Kf2 74.Qd2+ Kg1 75.Qc1+ Qf1? -0.01/22

[75...Kh2 -#12/26 mates 76.Qd2 Qe4+ 77.Kh5 Qd5+ 78.Qxd5 cxd5 79.Kg6 g1Q+ *(79...g1B* gets mated. *80.Kf5 Be3 81.Ke5 d4 82.Ke4 Kg3 83.Kd3 Kf2 84.Kc4 Ke2 85.Kc5 d3+ 86.Kc6 d2 87.Kd7 d1Q+ 88.Ke6 Bf4 89.Kf6 Qd7 90.Kg6 Qe6+ 91.Kg7 Bh6+ 92.Kh7 Qf6 93.Kg8 Qg7#)* 80.Kf7 d4 81.Ke8 d3 82.Kd7 d2 83.Kc6 d1Q *(83...d1B 84.Kd5 Qb6 85.Ke5 Kg3 86.Ke4 Qc5 87.Kd3 Kf4 88.Kd2 Qc2+ 89.Ke1 Qe2#)* 84.Kb5 Qd5+ 85.Kb4 Qgc5+ 86.Ka4 Qd1#]

76.Qxc6= What a bad dream for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.77/ Black=0.45 **76...Kh1** Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?

0-1

325 **C54**

□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2710**

■ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu**

FIDE World Cup (6.7) 17.08.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4** Prathamesh, Sunil Mokal **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 a6 7.Bg5** Recently 7.a4 got a lot of attention. 7.a4 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. **7...Ba7 8.a4 h6N**

[8...0-0 9.Nbd2 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Qb3 Qc8 12.Rac1 Rb8 13.Kh1 Ng4 14.Kg1 h6 15.Bh4 g5 16.Bg3 Qe8 17.Qd1 Nf6 18.b4 Qg6 19.b5 axb5 20.axb5 Nd8 21.h3 h5 22.Ra1 Rf7 23.Rxa7 1-0 Krebs,J (1641)-Fritsch Gruendel,T (1480) corr Einzelpartien freechess 2015 Rh7 24.h4 Nf7 25.hxg5 Nxg5 26.Nh4 Qf7 27.Ndf3 Nxf3+ 28.Qxf3 Qe7 29.Qe3 Rg7 30.Ra2 b6 31.f4 Ng4 32.Qf3 Rf8 33.f5 exf5 34.Nxf5 Rxf5 35.Qxf5 Ne3 36.Ra8+ 1-0 Har Zvi,R (1641)-Bommhardt,H (1480) Najdorf mem-A corr 2001]

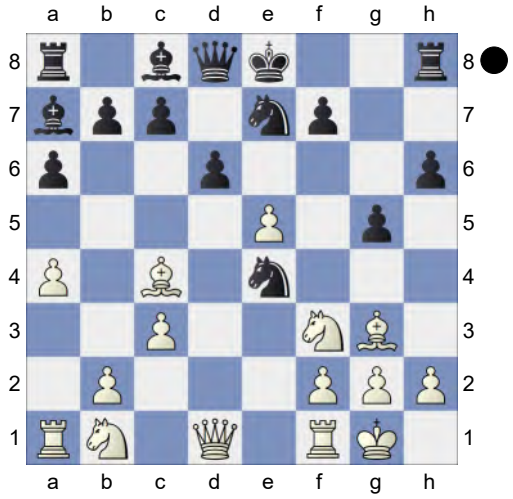
9.Bh4 -0.41/21

[White should play 9.Be3= 0.14/20]

9...g5∓ 10.Bg3 Ne7 11.d4! Nxe4 12.dxe5N -1.38/21

[12.Nbd2!? Nxg3 13.hxg3∓]

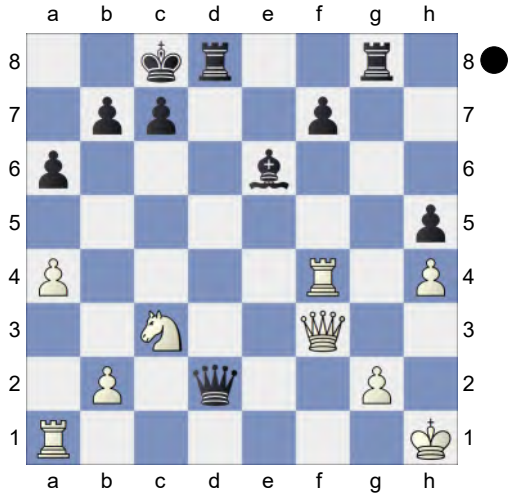
[12.Nbd2!= 0.01/22]



12...d5!↑ Black is on the roll. **13.Bd3 Bf5** Black is more active. **14.Nd4 Qd7** -0.47/20

[14...h5∓ -1.01/22 Strongly

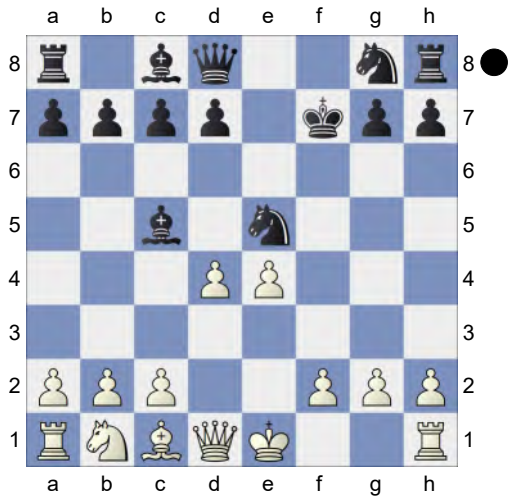
threatening ...h4. 15.Nxf5 Nxf5]
Now White is beyond hope. **15.Kh1?** -2.10/22
[15.Nxf5∓ -0.47/20 Nxf5 16.Nd2]
15...h5-+ 16.h4 -3.42/18
[⊼16.e6 -1.96/21 fxe6 17.Be5]
16...0-0-0 17.Qe2 -4.54/22 Qg4! is the strong threat.
[17.hxg5 -3.11/19 was necessary. Rhg8 *(17...Nxg5? 18.Bh2-+)* 18.Bh2]
17...Bg4 18.Qe1 Nf5 -2.56/19
[⊼18...Bxd4 -5.60/20 19.cxd4 gxh4 20.Bxh4 Bf3]
19.Bxe4? -5.66/22
[19.Nd2 -2.56/19 nothing else works. gxh4 *(19...Nxh4 20.Nxe4 dxe4 21.Bxe4=)* 20.Bf4]
19...dxe4 20.Qxe4 Bxd4
[20...Nxh4 21.Bxh4 gxh4 22.f3 Bxd4 23.cxd4∓]
21.cxd4 gxh4 22.e6 Nxg3+
[Weaker is 22...Qxe6 23.Qxe6+ fxe6 24.Be5∓]
23.fxg3 Bxe6
[23...Qxd4 24.Qxd4 Rxd4 25.exf7±]
24.gxh4 Rhg8 25.Nc3 Qxd4 26.Rf4 Qd2 27.Qf3



Rxg2!! Deflection **28.Ne4**
[28.Qxg2 Qxf4]
28...Rh2+ 29.Kg1 Rg8+ Black mates.
30.Ng5 Bd5 31.Rd1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.95/Black=0.26 (precise)
31...Rh1+
0-1

326 **C50**
□ **Didici12** **2709**
■ **oxudchess** **2663**
Blitz 31.05.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Bxf7+ Kxf7 5.Nxe5+ Nxe5 6.d4**
[6.Qh5+ Ke6 7.Qf5+ Kd6 8.f4 Qf6 9.fxe5+ Qxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.d3 Kc6 12.Nc3 d6 13.h3 Qh5 14.Qg3 Be6 15.Ne2 Raf8 16.Nf4 Qe5 17.Qxg7 Bf5 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxe5 dxe5 20.exd5+ Kxd5 So,W-Delmonico,N Eljanov Memorial final 6th 2021]



6...Qh4N
[6...Bd6 7.dxe5 Be7 8.0-0 d6 9.f4 g6 10.e6+ Kg7 11.f5 Nf6 12.Nc3 c6 13.Bg5 Qb6+ 14.Kh1 Qc7 15.fxg6 hxg6 16.Bxf6+ Bxf6 17.Rxf6 Kxf6

18.Qd4+ Kxe6 19.Qxh8 Rb8 20.Rf1 Qe7 1-0 Pammer,A (1590)-A: 5 e4 Ng6 6 Nf3 (1759) IECG CP.1996.S. 00008 1997 (6)]

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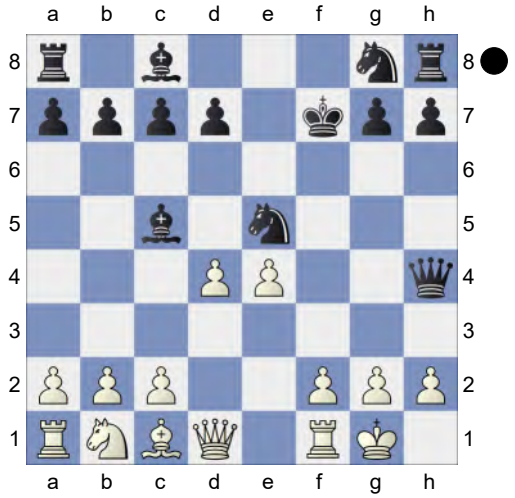


d6 8.dxc5 Black is clearly better. **8...Nf6** -1.43/17

[8...Qxe4-+ -2.44/19 ...Nf6 would now be deadly. 9.cxd6 cxd6]

9.cxd6 -1.93/18

[9.f4∓ -1.43/17 Bg4 10.Qd2]

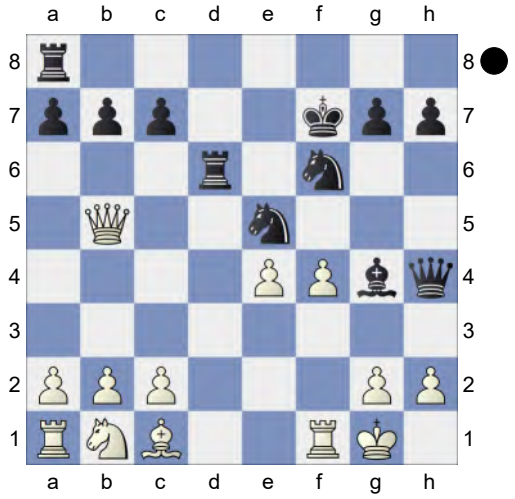
9...Rd8-+

[9...Qxe4 10.dxc7 Qg6 11.Bf4=]

10.f4 Rxd6 11.Qe2 Bg4? -0.69/20

[Black should try 11...Neg4-+ -2.56/21 12.g3 Qh5]

12.Qb5∓



Nc6 -0.31/19

[12...a6!∓ -0.73/18 13.Qxb7 *(13.Qxe5? Be2∓)* 13...Rd1 14.fxe5 Pin *(14.Qxa8? Be2-+* Pin, Decoy; *14.Rxd1 Bxd1 15.Qb3+ Kf8∓)* 14...Rxf1+ 15.Kxf1 Rf8 16.exf6 Qxf6+ 17.Ke1 Kg6]

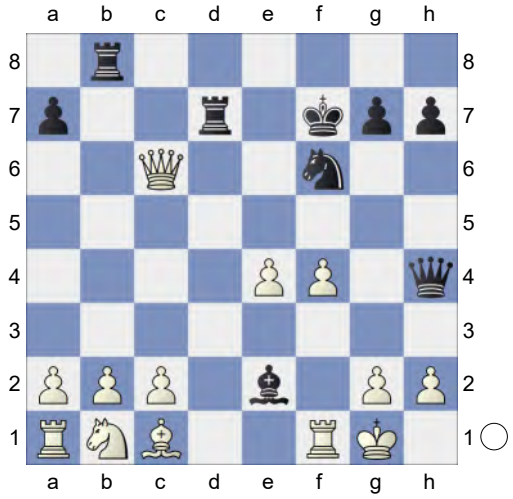
13.Qxb7 -3.31/18

[13.Nc3!∓ -0.31/19]

13...Rb8?? 2.31/20

[13...Be2-+ -3.31/18 14.Qxc7+ Rd7 15.Qxc6 Bxf1]

14.Qxc7++- Rd7 15.Qxc6 Be2



16.Nc3? 0.64/16 **Bxf1±** **17.Kxf1 Qxh2 18.Be3** 0.00/20

[18.e5± 0.73/21 Threatens to win with e6+. Qh1+ 19.Kf2 Qh4+ *(19...Ng4+? 20.Kg3+-)* 20.Ke2]

18...Rbd8

[18...Rxb2? 19.e5 Qh1+ 20.Bg1+-]

19.e5 Ng4? 2.87/21

[19...Qh1+± 0.78/20 20.Bg1 Rd4 21.exf6 Rxf4+ 22.Ke2 Qh5+ 23.Ke3 Qe5+ 24.Ne4 Rxf6 25.Qc4+ Kg6]

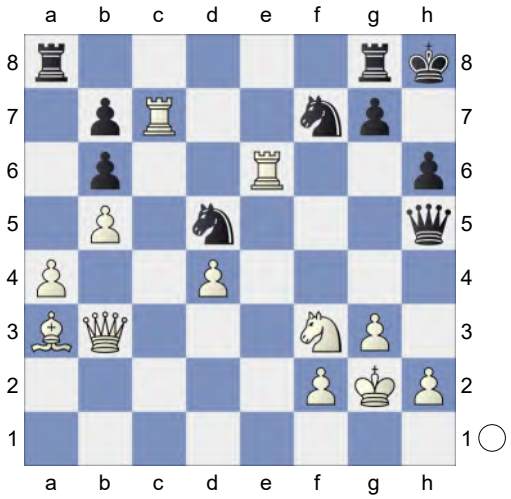
20.e6++- Kg8 21.exd7 Threatening mate with Qe6+. **21...Nxe3+ 22.Ke2 Qxf4** 4.84/20

[⌓22...Qxg2+ 3.10/21 23.Qxg2 *(23.Kxe3?* too greedy. *Qxc6 24.Rd1 Rxd7-+)* 23...Nxg2]

23.Qe6+ Kf8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/Black=0.77 **24.Qxe3**
1-0

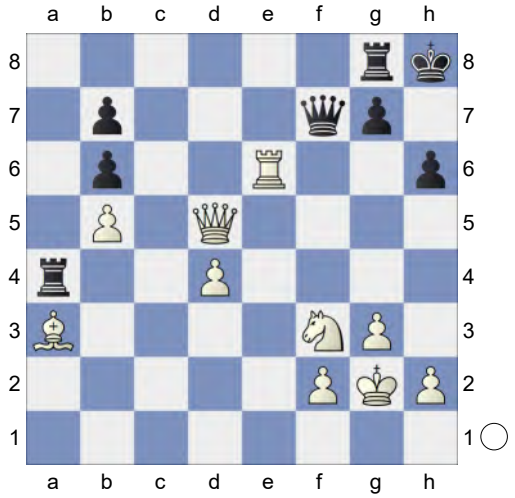
327 **C50**
□ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2707**
■ **Piorun,K.** **2577**
Titled Tue 25th Mar Early blitz (3)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.Na4 Bb6 7.a3 Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6** The position is equal. **9.0-0 0-0 10.b4**
[10.c3 Ne7 11.Re1 Ng6 12.d4 exd4 13.cxd4 e5 14.Nxb6 axb6 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Qb3+ Kh8 17.Ng5 Qe7 18.Qe6 Qxe6 19.Nxe6 Rf7 20.Ng5 Rd7 21.f3 h6 22.Nh3 b5 23.Nf2 b4 24.a4 c5 1-0 8.♗h4 g6 9.f4 e5 (2627)-R Of B,F (2550) Budapest Vezerkepzo Christmas GM 2022 (2.4)]
10...Qe8 11.c3 Nh5N
[11...h6 12.h3 Ne7 13.Nxb6 axb6 14.a4 Ng6]
[11...Ne7 12.Nxb6 axb6 13.a4 Ng6 14.c4 15) Italian 4...Bc5 5.Nc3 - D-Italian 4...Bc5 5.Nc3 - Dry d]
12.Ra2 Nf4 13.g3
[13.Nxb6 simplifies axb6 14.g3 Nh5 15.Nh4]
13...Nh5 14.Kg2 Rd8 15.Nxb6 axb6 16.a4 Nf6 17.Re1 Ra8 0.80/22
[17...h6= 0.27/19 keeps the balance.]
18.Qb3 0.41/20
[18.b5± 0.80/22 Nd8 19.d4]
18...h6≌ 19.b5 Nd8 0.59/20
[19...Nb8= 0.10/20]
20.d4 exd4 1.11/21
[Black should try 20...Nd7≌ 0.51/18]
21.cxd4± Kh8 1.68/20
[21...Qd7± 0.86/20]
22.Ba3+- e5 is the strong threat.
22...Rg8 2.68/22
[22...Qd7± 1.50/20 23.Nh4 Re8]
23.e5 dxe5 3.61/22
[⌓23...Nd5 2.27/23 24.exd6 cxd6 25.Bxd6 Qd7]
24.Nxe5 Nd7 4.60/23
[24...Qh5 3.08/21 was worth a try. 25.h3 Nd5]
25.Nf3 2.58/21
[⌓25.d5 4.60/23]
25...Qh5 26.Rc2 Nf7? 8.25/22
[26...c6 2.34/21 27.Be7 Qf5 28.Bxd8 Rgxd8 29.bxc6 *(29.Qxe6? perishes. Qxc2 30.Qf7 Nf6-+; 29.Rxe6 c5+-)* 29...bxc6 30.Rxc6 *(30.Rxe6 c5+-)* 30...Nc5 31.dxc5 Rd3]
27.Rxc7 White is clearly winning.
27...Nf6 28.Rxe6 Nd5



29.Rxf7! D e f l e c t i o n **29...Qxf7** Black is weak on the dark squares
[29...Rae8 30.Ne5]
30.Qxd5 Rxa4

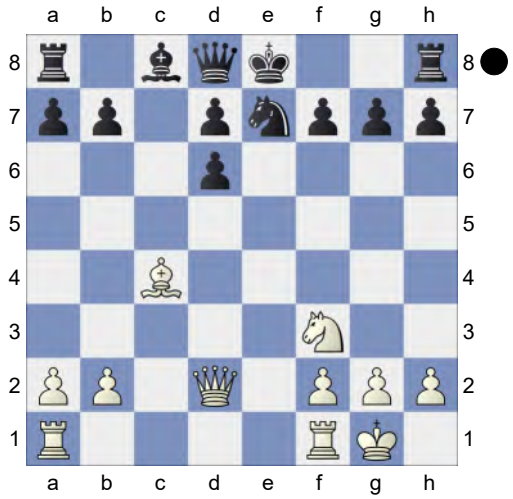
(Diagram)



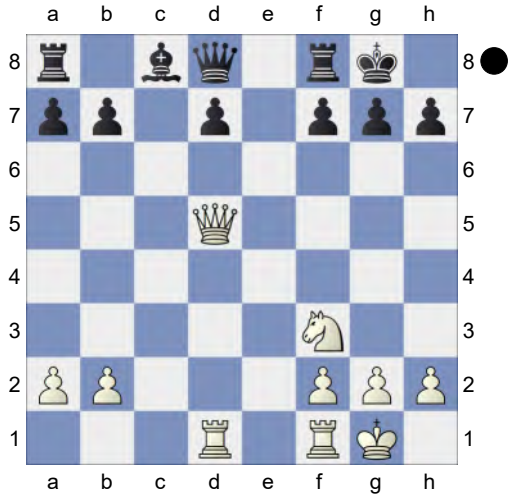
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=1.24 **31.Rxh6+!!** Discovered Attack
1-0

328 **C54**
□ **Schnabulator3000** **2706**
■ **supermanA** **2659**
Blitz 28.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

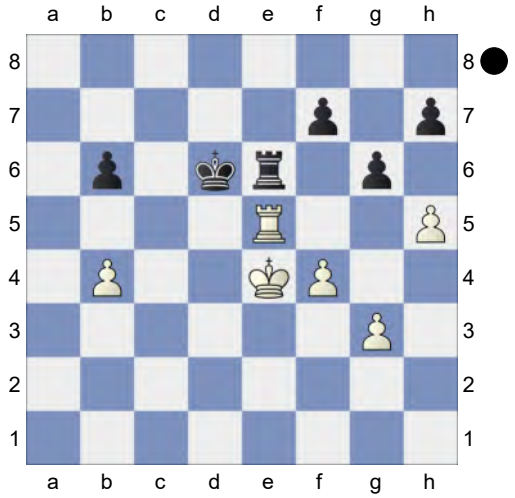
Blitz 3min C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4**
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nbd2N
[7.Nc3 d6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.0-0 Nxg3 12.fxg3 Bg4 13.Qb3 Qe7 14.a3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Na5 16.Bxf7+ Qxf7 17.Qxf7+ Kxf7 18.Ne5+ Ke6 19.Nxg4 Nc4 20.Rf6+ Ke7 21.Rxh6 Rxh6 1-0 4.♕a4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 e6-12. ♕d2 e5 13. ♗h6 Wch7 U.S.A. 1907 (8)]
7...Nxe4 8.d5 Ne7
[8...Nxd2 9.Bxd2 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 Ne7]
9.0-0 The position is equal. **9...Nxd2 10.Bxd2**
[10.Nxd2 0-0 11.a3 Ba5 12.d6]
10...Bxd2 11.d6 cxd6 12.Qxd2



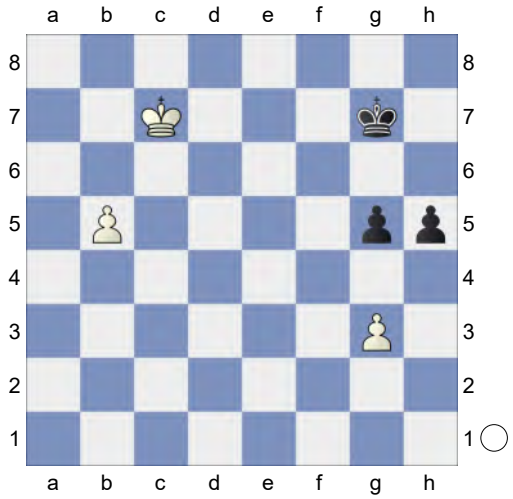
d5! 13.Bxd5
[13.Rfe1 dxc4]
13...Nxd5? 1.93/24
[13...0-0= -0.06/19]
14.Qxd5? -0.01/22
[14.Rfe1+!+- 1.93/24 Ne7 15.Qd6]
14...0-0= 15.Rad1



d6! 16.Qxd6
[16.b3 Qb6]
16...Be6 Black is weak on the dark squares **17.a3 Qf6 18.Qd4 Qf5**
[18...Qxd4 simplifies 19.Rxd4 Rac8 20.h4 Rc2]
19.Qb4 b6 20.Nd4 Qf6 21.Nxe6 Qxe6 22.Rfe1 Qf6 23.h3 Rad8 24.Qa4 Qxb2? 10.06/24
[24...Rxd1= -0.01/23 25.Rxd1 Qxb2]
25.Qxa7? -0.01/24
[Only move: 25.Rxd8+- 10.06/24 g5 26.Rxf8+ Kxf8 27.Qb4+ *(27.Qxa7 Kg7+-)* 27...Qxb4 28.axb4]
25...Rd2 26.Qe7 g6
[26...Rxf2 27.Qxf8+ Kxf8 28.Rd8#]
27.Rxd2 Qxd2 28.Qb4 Qxb4 29.axb4 Endgame KR-KR **29...Rc8 30.Re5 Kf8 31.g3 Rc4 32.Rb5 Rc6 33.Re5 Rc4 34.Rb5 Rc6 35.Kg2 Ke7 36.h4 Kd7 37.h5?** -4.33/28
[37.Kf3!= -0.03/22]
37...Kc7? -0.01/25
[37...f6-+ -4.33/28 aiming for ...Rd6. 38.Rd5+ Ke6]
38.Kf3 Rf6+ 39.Ke3 Kc6 40.Re5 Kd6 41.f4 Re6 42.Ke4 -8.61/25
[42.Kd4= 0.01/28]



42...Rxe5+? 0.32/22
[Less strong is 42...gxh5 43.Kf5∓]
[42...f5+!-+ -8.61/25 43.Kd4 Rxe5 44.fxe5+ Ke6]
43.fxe5+-+ KP-KP **43...Ke6?** 8.87/25
[43...Kd7= 0.24/25]
44.h6+- f6 45.exf6 Threatens to win with f7!. **45...Kxf6** K3P-K3P **46.Kd5 Kg5 47.Kc6 Kxh6 48.Kxb6** KPP-KPP **48...Kg7 49.Kc7 g5 50.b5 h5**



51.b6! White mates. **51...h4 52.gxh4 gxh4 53.b7 h3** Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/ Black=1.10 **54.b8Q**
[54.b8B? loses. h2 55.Kb6 h1Q-+ *(55...h1R 56.Kc6=)*]
1-0

329 **C54**
□ **Eljanov,Pavel** **2706**
■ **Aliyev,Ravan** **2352**
Titled Tuesday intern op 02nd Apr Early ..
[Mon Hokmome]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4** Kitty Kat Kitty Kat **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 a6 7.Re1N Ba7 8.h3** Recently 8.a4 got a lot of attention. 8.a4 erhält neuerdings viel

Aufmerksamkeit.

[8.Bb3 0-0 9.h3 h6 *(9...Qe7 10.Nbd2 Be6 11.Nf1 Rad8 12.Ng3 d5 13.Qe2 Kh8 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.d4 Rfe8 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Bxb3 18.Bg5 Rd5 19.axb3 Rxe5* Dzindzichashvili,R-Kortschnoj,V Chicago 34/(386) 1982*)* 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bc2 *(*RR *12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Nxe3 Bxb3 14.Qxb3 Qd7 15.a4)* 12...d5 13.Qe2 *(13.exd5 Qxd5 14.Ng3 Rad8 15.b4 Bc8 16.a4 b5 17.Bd2 Qd6 18.axb5 axb5 19.Qe2 Bb6 20.Rad1 Qe6 21.Nh4 Qa2* Nigmatov,O (2447)-Jin,Y (2309) Doha QAT 2024 [Kitty Kat] 1-0 (41)*)* 13...dxe4 14.dxe4 Qe7 15.Ng3 Rad8 16.Nh4 Qf8 17.Nhf5 Ne7 18.Ne3 Ng6 19.Ngf5 Nf4 20.Qf3 c6 Giri,A (2752)-Carlsen,M (2834) Wijk aan Zee 2018]

8...Na5N

[8...h6 9.a4 0-0 10.Nbd2 RR

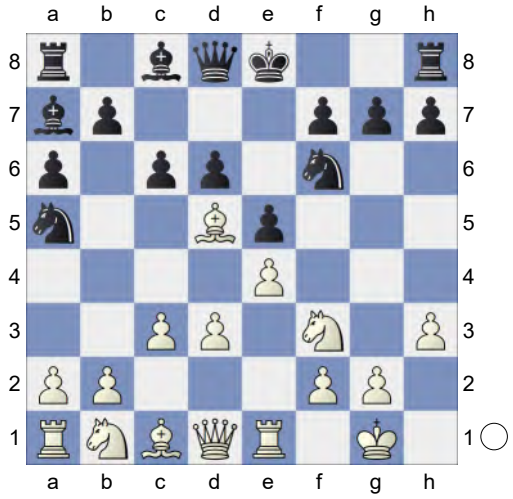
A) 10...Qe7 11.b4 Be6 12.Rb1 Qd7 13.b5 Ne7 14.d4 Bxc4 15.Nxc4 exd4 16.cxd4 axb5 17.Rxb5 c6 18.Rb3 *(*RR *18.Rb1)* 18...d5 19.Nfe5 Qd8 *(* RR *19...Qc7 20.exd5 cxd5)* 20.exd5 cxd5 21.Ne3 Dominguez Perez,L (2741)-So,W (2751) Saint Louis USA 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (43);

B) RR 10...Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Ne7 13.Nf1 Ng6 14.N1h2 Rf7 15.g3 d5 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Qd6 18.Qb3 a5 19.bxa5 Nd7 20.d4 Raf8 21.Rd1 dxe4 22.Nxe5 Ndxe5 23.dxe5 Qc6 24.Qb5 Qxb5 25.axb5;

C) RR 10...Ne7 11.Bb3 *(*RR *11.d4 Ng6 12.Bf1 c6 13.Qc2 Qc7 14.a5 Re8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Rad8 19.Ree1 Rd7 20.Ne3 Rdd8 21.Rab1 Nf4 22.b4 Bc8 23.Rb2 Ne6 24.Nd2 Ng5 25.h4 Ne6)* 11...Ng6 12.d4 Re8 13.Bc2 c6 14.Nf1 Qc7 15.Ng3 Be6 16.Be3 Rad8 17.Qc1 Bb8 18.a5 Rd7 19.Ra4 d5 20.dxe5 Nxe4 21.Bb6 Qc8 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.Raxe4 Bf5 24.R4e3 Bxc2 25.Qxc2;

D) 10...Re8 11.b4 *(11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.Ng3 d5 14.Qe2 a5 15.Nh4 Ne7 16.Nhf5 dxe4 17.dxe4 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 Qd7 19.Qf3 Rd8 20.Bxh6 Nxe4 21.Rxe4 gxh6 22.Qg4+ Rg6 23.Nxh6+ Kf8 24.Qxd7 Rxd7 25.Nf5)* 11...Be6 12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.Qb3 Re8 14.Bb2 Qd7 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 Rad8 17.Rad1 Ne7 18.e5 dxe5 19.dxe5 Nfd5 20.Ne4 c6 21.Nd6 Rf8 22.b5 Nf5 23.Ba3 Penttinen, R (2258)-8. ♘d4 d6 9.0-0 ♕d7 (2102) Hamilton 2023 17 c5, Nf6 and g6: model [John Watson] 1-0 (32)]

9.Bd5 The position is equal. **9...c6**



10.Bxf7+ Kxf7 11.b4 Rf8N 0.58/21

12.bxa5 Qd1-b3+ is the strong threat.

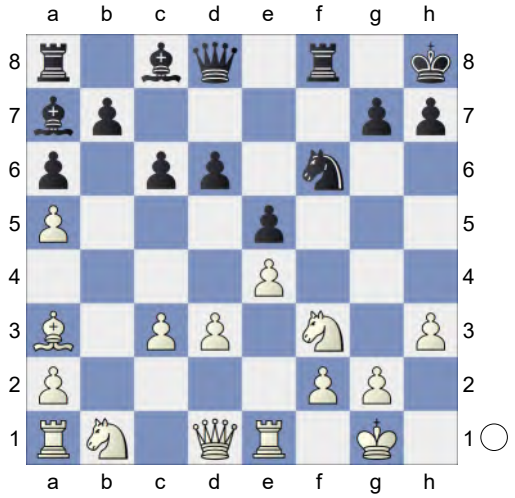
12...Kg8! 13.Ba3 -0.09/20

[13.Be3± 0.32/22

is more appropriate.]

13...Kh8 0.92/21

[13...Nh5= -0.09/20 keeps the balance.]



14.d4!± exd4 15.cxd4 Be6 16.e5 Nd5 17.Bxd6 Rf4 18.Nbd2 Bxd4 19.Nxd4 Rxd4 20.Qc1 Nf4 Strongly threatening . . . Q d 8 - g 5 . **21.Nf3** Against Qd8-g5

21...Rc4 0.99/23

[21...Ra4± 0.61/23 deserves consideration.]

22.Qe3 0.24/23

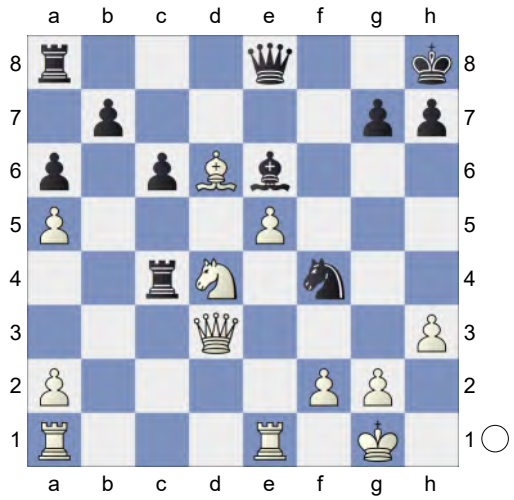
[22.Qb1± 0.99/23]

22...Qe8 1.52/22

[22...Bd5!= 0.24/23 remains equal.]

23.Nd4 Nd5 24.Qd3 &Bianco is more active. **24...Nf4**

(Diagram)



25.Qd2 Qf7 26.Nxe6 Qxe6 27.Re3 h6 1.61/22

[27...Rd8± 1.28/19 28.Rae1 Rd7]

28.Rf3+- Nd5 2.73/21

[28...Rd4 1.62/21 is a better defense. 29.Qe3 Qc4]

29.Re1 Rd8 30.Rb3 1.22/23

[30.Rb1+- 2.60/23 and White stays clearly on top.]

30...Rd7 31.Rf3 -0.01/21

[31.Rc1± 1.22/22 Rxc1+ 32.Qxc1]

31...Rd8!= Black cannot hold the game after this. **32.Rb1+-** 2.60/23 and White stays clearly on top. **32...Qg6** 4.32/23

[32...Qd7 2.70/22 might work better. 33.Qb2 Nf4 34.Qxb7 Qxb7 35.Rxb7 Ra8]

33.Rb2 1.74/21

[⌓33.Rxb7 4.32/23 Rg8 34.Bf8]

33...Re8? 4.20/23

[33...Rd7 1.74/21 34.Kh2 Qe4]

34.Kh2 2.37/23

[⌓34.Rxb7 4.20/23 Rg8 35.Bf8]

34...Re4? 5.09/24

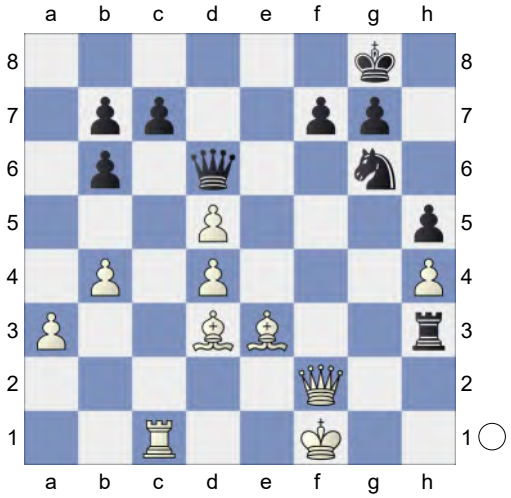
[34...Qe4 2.37/23 keeps fighting. 35.Rf7 Ra8]

35.Rxb7+- h5 36.Rg3 Qf5 37.Rgxg7 Nf4 38.Rh7+ White is clearly winning. **38...Qxh7 39.Rxh7+ Kxh7 40.Qc2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/

Black=0.68
1-0

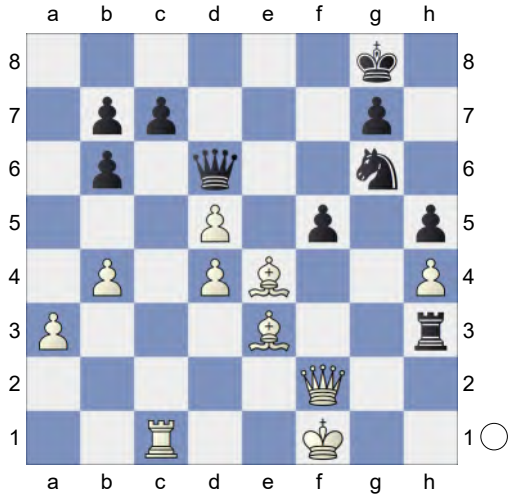
330 **C50**
□ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2706**
■ **Deac,Bogdan-Daniel** **2668**
Chess.com Classic Play-In blitz (4)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.a3 h6 7.Na4 Bb6 8.0-0**
[8.c3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bb5 Bd7 12.Bc4 Ne7 13.Qb3 Rf8 14.Qc2 Bxf2+ 15.Kxf2 b5 16.Bb3 Ng6 17.c4 bxa4 18.Bxa4 Bg4 19.Nd2 Nh5 20.Nf1 Qh4+ 21.g3 Nxg3 22.hxg3 Qh1 0-1 Mitusov,S (2478)-Urkedal,F (2551) Landsturneringen 2024 Elite og Senior 6 (9.2)]
8...Bg4 The position is equal.
[8...0-0 9.h3 Qe8 10.b4 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.c3 Ne7 13.Ra2 Nh5 14.Nxb6 axb6 15.g3 b5 16.Kg2 b6 17.Nh2 Nf6 18.Be3 Qc6 19.Bd2 d5 20.f3 Rad8 21.Qe2 Rd7 22.Ng4 Ng6 23.Nf2 0-1 Van Foreest,J (2695)-Giri,A (2772) NED-ch KO Utrecht 2023 (4.5)]
9.c3 Inhibits Nd4. **9...Qd7N**
[9...Na5 10.Nxb6 axb6 11.Ba2 0-0 12.h3 Bh5 13.g4 Nxg4 14.hxg4 Bxg4 15.d4 Qf6 16.Kg2 Nc6 17.Qd3 exd4 18.Nh2 Bh5 19.Bd2 Qg6+ 20.Kh1 Ne5 21.Qg3 Qxe4+ 22.f3 Qc2 23.cxd4 Ng6 24.Bc3 1-0 Philippe (2171)-Safar Zadeh,E (2272) Munich SKA 1993 (7) Rae8 25.Rae1 Qf5 26.Bb1 Qb5 27.Re4 d5 28.Rxe8 Rxe8 29.Qh3 Nf4 30.Qf5 Ne2 31.Qh7+ Kf8 32.Bd3 Qc6 33.Bb4+ 1-0 Obregon Garcia,R (2171)-Rakshitta,R (2272) Wch U20 Girls 39th 2023 (7)]
10.Re1 0-0 11.b4 Ne7 12.Nxb6 axb6 13.h3 Bh5 14.d4 Ng6 15.Qd3 exd4 White must now prevent ...Bxf3. **16.cxd4 Rfe8** 0.45/21
[16...Bxf3= 0.02/22 17.Qxf3 Rfe8]
17.Bd2 d5 18.exd5 Bxf3 19.Qxf3 Qd6 1.02/24
[19...b5= 0.19/22 20.Ba2 Nh4]
20.g3± Rad8 1.33/24
[Black should play 20...Qd7 0.83/22]
21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.h4 Re4 23.Be3 h5 2.00/24
[23...Rg4± 1.35/21]
24.Rc1+- Rg4 25.Kf1 Ne4 26.Bd3 1.73/27
[⩲26.Be2 2.90/22]
26...Nxg3+ 3.21/22
[26...Qxd5 1.73/27 was necessary. 27.Bxe4 *(27.Rxc7? Nd2+ 28.Bxd2 Qxf3-+)* 27...Rxe4]
27.fxg3 Rxg3 28.Qf2 Rh3



29.Be4 Against Rh1+. aiming for Rc3.
29...f5? 7.03/23
[29...Qe7 2.76/22 30.Bxg6 fxg6]

(Diagram)



30.Bg2! White is clearly winning.
[30.Bxf5? loses. Rh1+ 31.Ke2 Rh2 32.Bxg6 *(32.Be6+? Kh7-+)* 32...Rxf2+ 33.Bxf2 Qxg6 34.Rxc7 Qe4+ 35.Be3 Qxh4-+ *(35...Qxd5? 36.Re7-+)*]
30...Rh2 31.Bg5 f4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) / Black=0.55 **32.Re1**
1-0

331 **C54**
□ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2704**
■ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2753**
Rostov on Don Blitz m (10) 21.02.2024
[Mon Hokmome]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4** Kitty Kat Kitty Kat **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 a5** The modern move. Der moderne Zug.
[RR 6...0-0 7.Re1 a6 8.h3 h6 9.a4 Ba7 10.Nbd2
A) RR 10...Re8 11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.Ng3 d5 14.Qe2 a5 15.Nh4 Ne7 16.Nhf5 dxe4 17.dxe4 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 Qd7 19.Qf3 Rd8 20.Bxh6 Nxe4 21.Rxe4 gxh6 22.Qg4+ Rg6 23.Nxh6+ Kf8 24.Qxd7 Rxd7 25.Nf5;
B) RR 10...Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Ne7 13.Nf1 Ng6 14.N1h2 Rf7 15.g3 d5 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Qd6 18.Qb3 a5 19.bxa5 Nd7 20.d4 Raf8 21.Rd1 dxe4 22.Nxe5 Ndxe5 23.dxe5 Qc6 24.Qb5 Qxb5 25.axb5;
C) RR 10...Ne7 11.Bb3 *(RR 11.d4 Ng6 12.Bf1 c6 13.Qc2 Qc7 14.a5 Re8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Rad8 19.Ree1 Rd7 20.Ne3 Rdd8 21.Rab1 Nf4 22.b4 Bc8 23.Rb2 Ne6 24.Nd2 Ng5 25.h4 Ne6)* 11...Ng6 12.d4 Re8 13.Bc2 c6 14.Nf1 Qc7 15.Ng3 Be6 16.Be3 Rad8 17.Qc1 Bb8 18.a5 Rd7 19.Ra4 d5 20.dxe5 Nxe4 21.Bb6 Qc8 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.Raxe4 Bf5 24.R4e3 Bxc2 25.Qxc2;
D) 10...Qe7 11.b4 Be6 12.Rb1 Qd7 13.b5 Ne7 14.d4 Bxc4 15.Nxc4 exd4 16.cxd4 axb5 17.Rxb5 c6 18.Rb3 *(RR 18.Rb1)* 18...d5 19.Nfe5 Qd8 *(RR 19...Qc7 20.exd5 cxd5)* 20.exd5 cxd5 21.Ne3 Dominguez Perez,L (2741)-So,W (2751) Saint Louis USA 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (43)]
7.Re1 Ba7
[RR 7...h6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Bd7 *(RR 9...Be6 10.Bb5 Bb6 11.Nc4 Bc5 12.Ncd2 Bb6 13.Nf1 Ne7 14.d4 exd4 15.cxd4 d5 16.e5 Ne4 17.Ng3 Nxg3 18.fxg3 c6 19.Bd3 Nf5 20.Bxf5 Bxf5 21.Be3 Be4 22.Nd2 Bg6 23.Bf2 a4 24.a3)* 10.Nf1 a4 11.d4 Bb6 12.Ng3 Re8 13.Bf1 Ba5 14.dxe5 *(RR 14.Qxa4 Bxc3)* 14...Nxe5 15.Be3 b5 16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.Qf3 Rb8 18.Rad1 Qe7 19.a3

Be6 20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.Qxf5 c6 *(RR 21...g6 22.Qf3 Kg7)* 22.Rd3 Dominguez Perez,L (2741)-Oparin,G (2662) Saint Louis USA 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (65)]

8.Bb3N

[RR 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Be6 10.Bb5 Ne7 11.Ba4 Ng6 12.d4 Nh5 *(RR 12...h6 13.Bc2 Re8 14.Nf1 exd4 15.cxd4 c5 16.d5 Bd7 17.a4 Qc8 18.Ng3 c4)* 13.Nf1 Nhf4 14.Bc2 Qd7 15.Ne3 exd4 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.cxd4 d5 18.exd5 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Qd3 a4 21.Bd2 Rfd8 22.a3 c5 Odeeva,K (2188)-Glatthaar,M (2448) ICCF 2018 ½-½]

8...0-0 The position is equal. **9.h3 h6 10.Nbd2 b5N**

[10...Be6 11.Ba4 *(11.Bc2 Re8 12.Nf1 d5 13.exd5 Qxd5* #7 36) Italian: 4...Bc5 Main Lin-7.Re1 Ba7 8.Bb3 *)* 11...Ne7 12.d4 Ng6 13.Bc2 Re8 14.Nf1 Nh5 15.Be3 Nhf4 16.Ng3 Qc8 17.Nf5 Bd7 18.Qd2 a4 19.Kh2 Qd8 20.g3 Ne6 21.Kg2 Nef8 22.h4 Qf6 23.Nh2 exd4 24.Ng4 Qxf5 25.exf5 Theis,B (2612)-4. ♘f3 g6 5. ♘bd2 (2723) New York 2023 TD 92\01 [John Watson] 1-0 (54)]

[10...Re8 11.Nf1 Ne7 12.Ng3 Ng6 13.d4 c6 14.Bc2 Qc7 15.Be3 b5 16.Qd2 Be6 17.a4 Kh7 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.exf5 Nf8 20.axb5 cxb5 21.dxe5 dxe5 22.Bxa7 Rxa7 23.Qe2 N8d7 24.Rad1 Rb7 25.Nd2 Proenca,A (2037)-2.c4 g6 3.f3 e5 (2109) Fuegen 2022 ICCF 2019 [John Watson] ½-½ (80)]

11.a4 b4 12.Nf1 Rb8 13.Be3 Re8N

[Vorgänger: 13...Bxe3 14.Nxe3 Ne7 15.Bc2 c5 16.d4 next d4xc5 is good for White. bxc3 17.bxc3 exd4 18.cxd4 cxd4 19.Nxd4 ½-½ Figlio,G (2000)-Gomes,D SEMI EU-ch1 email 1998]

14.Bc4 Bxe3 15.Nxe3 Ne7 16.Qc2 -0.16/21

[⊼16.Qb3 0.21/20 Rf8 17.Qc2]

16...Bd7!= 17.d4 Ng6 18.Nf1 Bc6 0.30/22

[⊼18...Nh5 -0.29/19]

19.Ng3 exd4 20.Nxd4 Bd7 21.Bb5 bxc3 22.Qxc3 c5 0.84/24

[Black should try 22...c6⩲ 0.32/23 23.Nxc6 Bxc6 24.Bxc6 *(24.Qxc6 Rc8=)* 24...Rc8]

23.Nc6 0.38/24 &Bianco is more active.

[23.Ndf5± 0.84/24]

23...Bxc6⩲ 24.Bxc6 Re5 25.Rad1 Rb4 0.82/24

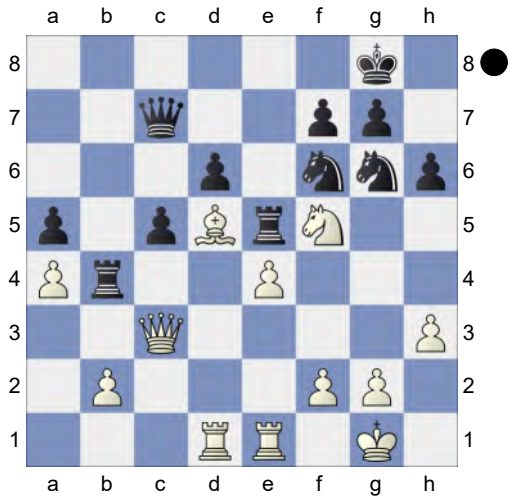
[25...h5= 0.21/22]

26.Nf5 -0.01/24

[26.f4± 0.82/24 Re7 27.e5]

26...Qc7= 27.Bd5 -1.33/22

[27.Ba8= -0.10/24 keeps the balance.]



27...Nf4!∓ 28.Qg3 -2.71/24

[28.Ng3∓ -1.40/22 keeps fighting.]

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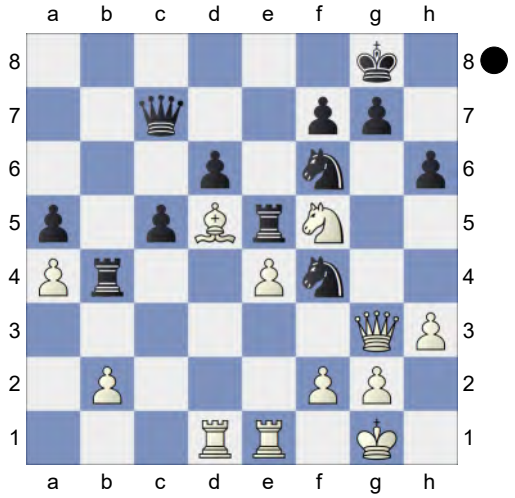
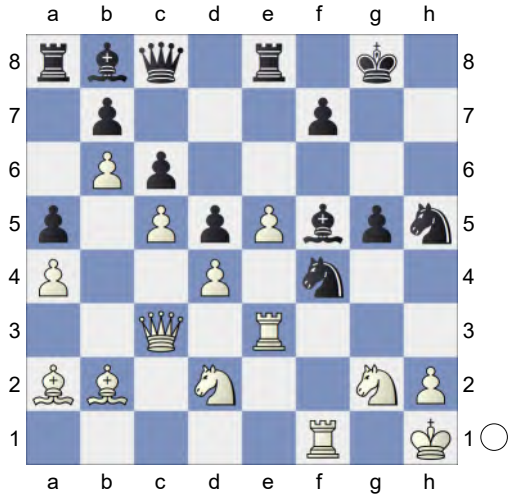


28...Rxf5!-+ 29.Bxf7+ Qxf7 30.exf5 d5
[Worse is 30...Rxa4 31.b3 *(31.Rxd6 Ra1∓)* 31...Rb4 32.Rxd6]
31.b3 Kh7 32.Kh2 -3.55/24
[⌓32.Qf3 -2.30/23]
32...Qh5? -0.76/25
[32...Qc7-+ -3.55/24 and Black stays clearly on top. Threatens to win with ... Nf6-e4. 33.Kg1 Ne4]
33.Rc1? -3.73/24
[33.Re7∓ -0.76/25 Qg5 34.Qxg5 hxg5 35.g3]
33...Ne2?? 2.82/22 Pair of Knights!
[33...Qxf5-+ -3.73/24 and life is good for Black. 34.Qf3 Ne4]
34.Qg6+!+- Deflection **34...Qxg6 35.fxg6+ Kxg6 36.Rxe2 Rxb3 37.Rxc5** Endgame KRR-KRN **37...d4 38.f3 Rb4 39.Rxa5 d3 40.Rd2 Rd4 41.Rb5 Nd5 42.Rb3 Nb4 43.a5** Hoping for a5-a6! **43...Rc4?** 8.27/22
[43...Kg5 3.89/23 44.Kg3 Kf5]
44.a6 Rc2 45.Rbxd3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.52
1-0

332 **C54**
□ **AKS-Mantissa** **2703**
■ **Lynx_BOT** **2579**
Classical 28.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 20min+8sec C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...d6N
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (3)]
6.b4 Bb6 7.0-0 Ne7 8.a4 a5 9.b5 0-0 10.Nbd2 Ng6 11.Ba2 c6 12.Ba3 Re8 13.Qc2 d5 Black is slightly better. **14.c4**

Nf4 0.57/18
[14...dxe4∓ -0.31/19 15.dxe4 c5]
15.c5!⩲ Bc7 16.b6 Bb8 17.g3 Nh3+ 1.05/20
[17...Ng6⩲ 0.56/19]
18.Kg2 Bg4 19.Rae1 Qd7 20.Kh1 h6 1.34/19
[Black should play 20...Rd8 0.92/19]
21.Bb2± Qd8 1.78/20
[21...Bh5± 1.31/20]
22.Nh4+- Ng5 3.13/22
[22...Be6 1.63/20 was worth a try.]
23.f4 exf4 24.gxf4 Nh3 25.e5 Nh5 26.Ng2 Qc8 4.24/20
[⊿26...Qd7 2.86/18 27.d4 Bf5]
27.d4 Bf5 28.Qc3 g5 5.38/21
[⊿28...f6 3.75/19 29.Ne4 *(29.Qf3 Bg4+-)* 29...fxe5]
29.fxg5 hxg5 30.Re3 N3f4



31.Rg3! Active counter play! **31...Nh3**
[31...Bg4 32.Nxf4]

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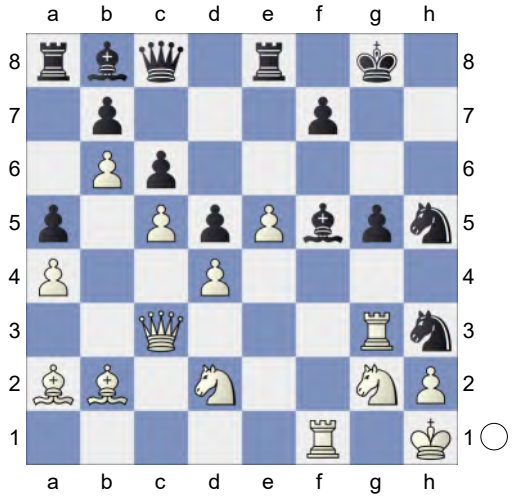
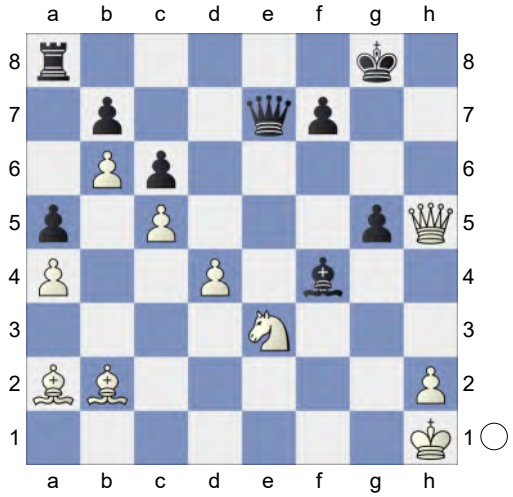
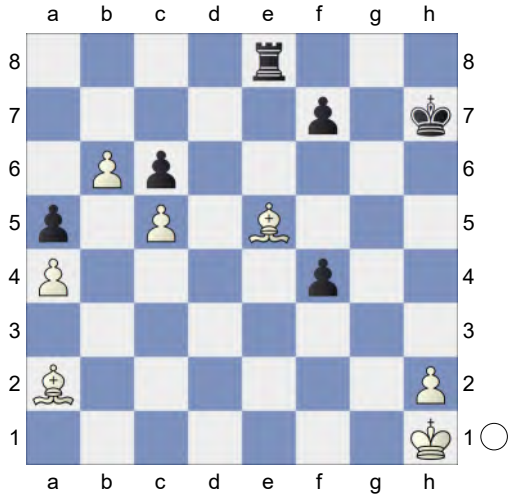


32.Rxh3 Decoy **32...Bxh3 33.Qf3! Nf4 34.Nxf4 Bxf1 35.Nxd5**
[35.Qxf1 gxf4 36.Qxf4 Qe6=]
[35.Nxf1 Qf5 36.Bc1 Bxe5 *(36...gxf4 37.Bxf4 Re6 38.Ng3=)* 37.dxe5 Rxe5= *(37...gxf4 38.Bxf4 Rxe5 39.Bb1=)*]
35...Bxe5 36.Ne3 Excellent horsemanship. **36...Bf4 37.Qh5**
[37.Nexf1 Re1⩲ *(37...Qf5 38.Bb1±)*]
37...Qd7 38.Ndxf1
[38.Nexf1 Qf5 39.d5 Qh7 40.Qxh7+ Kxh7±]
38...Rxe3 39.Nxe3 Qe7



40.d5! Qe4+ 41.Ng2 Qh7 42.Nxf4 gxf4 43.Qxh7+ Kxh7 44.dxc6 bxc6 45.Be5 Re8



46.b7! Rxe5 47.b8Q
[Stronger than 47.b8R Re1+ 48.Kg2 Re2+ 49.Kf3 Rxa2=]
47...Rxc5 48.Qxf4 f6 49.Bb1+ Kg7 50.Qc7+ Kg8 51.Bg6 Rc1+ 52.Kg2 Rc2+ 53.Bxc2 Bg6! would kill now. **53...c5 54.Qh7+** White mates. **54...Kf8 55.Bg6 c4** Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.85
56.Qf7#
1-0

333 **C54**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2702**
■ **Radjabov,Teimour** **2747**
Global Chess League rapid (1.3) 22.6.23
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 a6 6.0-0 d6 7.Bg5** 7.a4 is becoming the main line. 7.a4 wird zur Hauptvariante. **7...h6 8.Bh4 Qe7 9.Nbd2** White is slightly better. **9...Ba7 10.a4 g5** 0.42/19
[10...0-0= 0.02/18]
11.Bg3⩲ Rg8 0.70/19 '!?' Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.
[Black should play 11...0-0= 0.19/16]
12.b4 h5N
[12...Bg4 13.b5 Nd8 14.d4 a5 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Bxe5 Ne6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Bd4 Bxd4 19.cxd4 0-0-0 20.Qc2 Bxf3 21.Nxf3 g4 22.Nd2 Rxd4 23.Rfc1 b6 24.Nc4 Qc5 25.e5 Ne4 26.Qb3 g3 27.hxg3 6.Na3 cd4 7.cd4 Bd7 (2718)-Vasquez Bonifacio, L (2741) 153/100 Chicago 2022 (6) 1-0]
13.h4 Bg4 'N!?' New and interesting. Theoretisch interessant.
[Predecessor: 13...gxh4 14.Bxh4 Bh3 15.g3 Bxf1 16.Nxf1 Rg4 17.N1h2 Rxh4 18.Nxh4 Qd7 19.b5 Na5 1-0 Demchenko,A (2654)-Navara, D (2697) Titled Tuesday intern op 08th Feb Early blitz 2022 (11)]
14.Qe1 0.22/20
[14.hxg5 Nh7⩲]
[14.b5± 0.93/17 Nd8 15.hxg5 *(15.bxa6 gxh4 16.axb7 Nxb7+-)*]
14...gxh4= 15.Bxh4 Qd7 0.87/21
16.Kh1 Strongly threatening Nf3-g5.
[16.Bxf6 Bh3 17.d4 *(17.Ng5 Qg4 18.Bxf7+ Kf8)* 17...Bxg2∓ *(17...Rxg2+? 18.Kh1+-)*]
16...Rg6 1.12/20
[16...Nh7⩲ 0.59/19]

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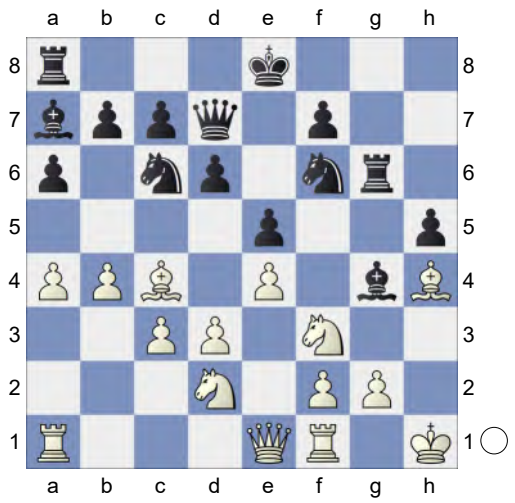
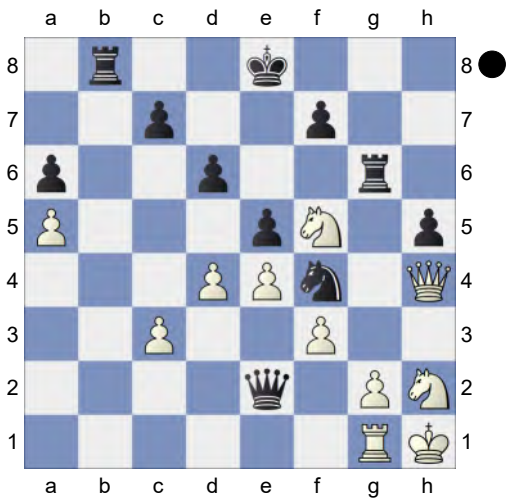


17.Nh2 0.39/19
[17.Ng5!± 1.12/20 d5 18.exd5 Nxd5 19.f3 *(19.b5 Nce7±)*]
17...Bh3!± 18.Rg1
[Much worse is 18.gxh3 Qxh3 19.Bg3 h4∓]
18...Be6 19.a5 -0.61/20
[19.b5= 0.24/19 Na5 20.Bxe6 Qxe6 21.Qe2]
19...Ng4 0.01/20 Black is more active.
[19...Bxc4∓ -0.61/20 20.dxc4 Qe6]
20.b5!⇄ Bc4xe6 would now be deadly. White is not holding back **20...Ne7 21.Bxe6 Rxe6 22.bxa6 bxa6 23.Rf1 Ng6 24.f3?** -2.31/21 Loses the game.
[24.Bg5= -0.03/18 and White stays safe.]
24...Ne3-+ Threatens to win with ...Ng6-f4! **25.Bf2 Nxf1 26.Ndxf1 Bxf2 27.Qxf2 Nf4 28.d4 Rb8 29.Ne3 Qb5 30.Nf5** -4.01/21
[⌓30.Ra2 -2.81/19]
30...Rg6 31.Rg1 Qe2 Deflection
[31...Qxa5 32.Qh4 Kf8 *(32...Qxc3 33.Qe7#)* 33.g3=]
32.Qh4 -#6/14
[32.Qxe2-+ -4.81/22 Nxe2 33.Rd1]

(Diagram)



32...Qxg2+! Deflection. Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/Black=0.21 (precise)
0-1

334 **C50**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2702**
■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2732**
World-chT Rapid (11) 28.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.a4 a6** 6...h6 is the hot move. 6...h6 ist der hippe Zug. 6...h6 is the hot move. 6...h6 ist der hippe Zug. **7.c3 Ba7 8.Nbd2**
[8.h3 h6 9.Nbd2 g5 10.Re1 g4 11.hxg4 Nxg4 12.Re2 Qf6 13.Nf1 Rg8 14.Rc2 Bd7 15.b4 Qg6 16.Be3 Nxe3 17.fxe3 a5 18.Rf2 Rg7 19.Qb3 0-0-0 20.Bd5 Ne7 21.Rb1 Nxd5 22.bxa5 Nb6 1-0 Quinn,R (2133)-Keller,P (2358) Dublin Irish New Year IM 2023 (6)]
8...0-0 The position is equal. **9.h3**
[9.b4 h6 10.h3 Ne7 11.Re1 Ng6 12.d4 exd4 13.Nxd4 d5 14.Bf1 Bxd4 15.cxd4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Rxe4 Be6 18.d5 Qxd5 19.Rd4

Qf5 20.Bb2 c6 21.Rc1 Bd5 22.Bd3 Qe6 23.Rg4 Rae8 0-1 Nikitenko,M (2484)-Sjugirov,S (2709) RUS-chT Blitz 2022 (11.10)]

9...Re8N

[9...Kh8 10.Re1 Ng8 11.Nf1 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Be3 Qf6 14.N1h2 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 Nge7 Italian Game-4. 0-0 2018]

10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b4 d5 13.Qc2 d4 14.Bb2 Nh5 Threatens to win with ...Nh5-f4. **15.b5 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Nb3N** -0.08/20

[Vorgänger: 19.Qxc7 Rf6 20.Rf1! *(20.Qxb7? Qxf2+ 21.Kh2 Qf4+ 22.Kg1 Rf8-+; 20.Nf3 Rxf3 21.gxf3 Nf4=)*

A) 20...axb5 21.axb5 *(21.Qxb7 Qd8±)*;

B) 20...Nf4 21.Nf3 -0.01/24 *(21.Nb3⩲ 0.46/21 Qd6 22.Qxb7)* 21...Nxh3+!= 22.Kh2 Rxf3! 23.gxf3 Nf4 24.Qxb7? -7.15/24 *(24.bxa6= -0.01/23 bxa6 25.Rad1)* 24...Qd8-+ (→ ...Qd8-h4+) 25.Rfc1 ½-½ Mons,L (2530)-Schroeder,J (2568) Hobbits Invitational blitz 2021 (1.5)]

19...Qd8 20.g3! Rh6 White must now prevent ...Qd8-c8. **21.Kg2?** -1.25/22

[21.bxa6= 0.26/20 Raxa6 22.Qc5]

21...Qg5!∓ 22.Rh1 Rd8 -0.14/21

[22...Nf4+∓ -1.13/21 23.Kf1 Ne6 *(23...Nxh3 24.bxa6 bxa6 25.a5∓; 23...Rxh3 24.Rxh3 Nxh3 25.Qxc7=)*]

23.d4 -0.64/20

[23.h4= -0.14/21 Qf6 24.Qxc7]

23...Rg6 0.01/21

[23...exd4∓ -0.64/20 24.Qxc7 Rhd6 *(24...axb5 25.h4=)*]

24.Kh2 c6

[24...Nxg3!? 25.Rhg1□ Pin Nf1+ 26.Raxf1 Qf4+ 27.Kh1 Qf3+ 28.Kh2 Qf4+ 29.Kh1 Qf3+ 30.Kh2 Qf4+=]

25.bxa6 bxa6

[25...Nxg3!? 26.Rhg1□ Pin Nf1+ 27.Raxf1 Qf4+ 28.Kh1 Qf3+ 29.Kh2 Qf4+ 30.Kh1 Qf3+ 31.Kh2 Qf4+=]

26.dxe5 Qxe5 0.76/22

[26...Nxg3!= 0.01/24 27.Rhg1 Pin Nf1+ 28.Raxf1 Qf4+ 29.Kh1 Qf3+ 30.Kh2 Qf4+ 31.Kh1 Qf3+ 32.Kh2 Qf4+]

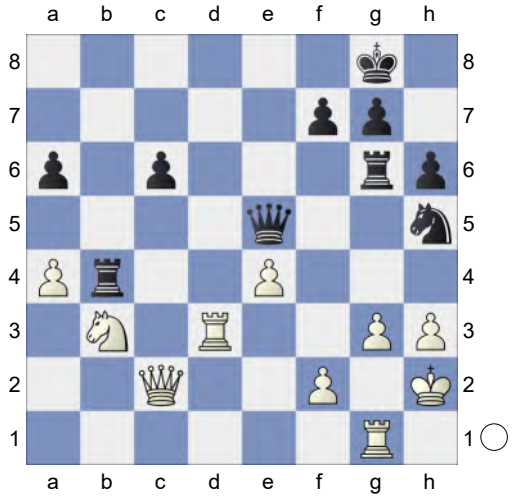
27.Rad1 Rb8 28.Rhg1 h6 29.Rd3 0.39/21

[29.Rd2!± 0.75/23]

29...Rb4 1.03/21

[29...Qxe4? perishes. 30.Rd8+ Rxd8 31.Qxe4+-]

[29...Rd6⩲ 0.39/21]



30.Re3 -0.01/21

[30.Re1!± 1.03/21]

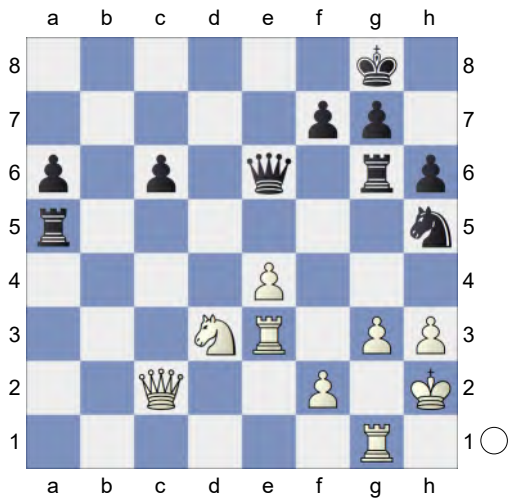
30...Rxa4 0.44/23

[30...Nf6!= -0.01/21]

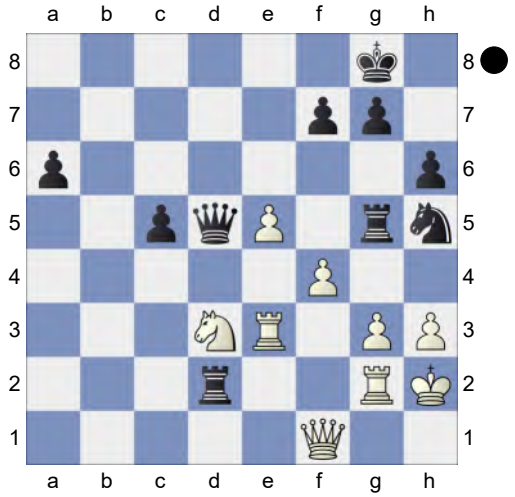
31.Nc5⩲ Ra5 32.Nd3 White has compensation. **32...Qe6** 2.21/22

[Black should play 32...Qc7!⩲ 0.32/21]

(Diagram)



33.e5!+- **Ra2** **34.Qd1** 0.81/23
[34.Qc1+- 2.12/22 has better winning chances.]
34...Rg5± **35.Rg2** g3-g4 would now be deadly. **35...Qd5!** Strongly threatening ... Nh5-f4! **36.Qb1** **Rd2** **37.Qf1** -0.85/23
[37.Ne1= 0.26/24 keeps the balance. Rd1 *(37...Rxe5?* is the wrong capture. *38.Qb8+ Qd8 39.Qxd8+ Rxd8 40.Rxe5+-)* 38.Qc2]
37...c5→ Black has some attack. Black is much more active. **38.f4?** -6.32/24
[38.Qb1∓ -0.70/22]



38...Rxg3!-+ Pin. Black is clearly winning. **39.Rxd2**
[39.Rexg3 Nxg3]
39...Rxe3 **40.Qd1** **Ng3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/Black=0.27 (precise)
0-1

335 **C54**
□ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2702**
■ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin** **2596**
Wch Rapid Samarkand (9) 27.12.2023
[Mon Hokmome]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4** Kitty Kat Kitty Kat **1...e5** **2.Nf3** **Nc6** **3.Bc4** **Bc5** **4.c3** **Nf6** **5.d3** **d6** **6.0-0** **a5**
[RR 6...0-0 7.Re1 a6 8.h3 h6 9.a4 Ba7 10.Nbd2
A) RR 10...Re8 11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.Ng3 d5 14.Qe2 a5 15.Nh4 Ne7 16.Nhf5 dxe4 17.dxe4 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 Qd7 19.Qf3 Rd8 20.Bxh6 Nxe4 21.Rxe4 gxh6 22.Qg4+ Rg6 23.Nxh6+ Kf8 24.Qxd7 Rxd7 25.Nf5;
B) RR 10...Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Ne7 13.Nf1 Ng6 14.N1h2 Rf7 15.g3 d5 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Qd6 18.Qb3 a5 19.bxa5 Nd7 20.d4 Raf8 21.Rd1 dxe4 22.Nxe5 Ndxe5 23.dxe5 Qc6 24.Qb5 Qxb5 25.axb5;
C) RR 10...Ne7 11.Bb3 *(RR 11.d4 Ng6 12.Bf1 c6 13.Qc2 Qc7 14.a5 Re8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Rad8 19.Ree1 Rd7 20.Ne3 Rdd8 21.Rab1 Nf4 22.b4 Bc8 23.Rb2 Ne6 24.Nd2 Ng5 25.h4 Ne6)* 11...Ng6 12.d4 Re8 13.Bc2 c6 14.Nf1 Qc7 15.Ng3 Be6 16.Be3 Rad8 17.Qc1 Bb8 18.a5 Rd7 19.Ra4 d5 20.dxe5 Nxe4 21.Bb6 Qc8 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.Raxe4 Bf5

24.R4e3 Bxc2 25.Qxc2;
D) 10...Qe7 11.b4 Be6 12.Rb1 Qd7 13.b5 Ne7 14.d4 Bxc4 15.Nxc4 exd4 16.cxd4 axb5 17.Rxb5 c6 18.Rb3 *(RR 18.Rb1)* 18...d5 19.Nfe5 Qd8 *(RR 19...Qc7 20.exd5 cxd5)* 20.exd5 cxd5 21.Ne3 Dominguez Perez,L (2741)-So,W (2751) Saint Louis USA 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (43)]

7.Re1 Ba7

[RR 7...h6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Bd7 *(RR 9...Be6 10.Bb5 Bb6 11.Nc4 Bc5 12.Ncd2 Bb6 13.Nf1 Ne7 14.d4 exd4 15.cxd4 d5 16.e5 Ne4 17.Ng3 Nxg3 18.fxg3 c6 19.Bd3 Nf5 20.Bxf5 Bxf5 21.Be3 Be4 22.Nd2 Bg6 23.Bf2 a4 24.a3)* 10.Nf1 a4 11.d4 Bb6 12.Ng3 Re8 13.Bf1 Ba5 14.dxe5 *(RR 14.Qxa4 Bxc3)* 14...Nxe5 15.Be3 b5 16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.Qf3 Rb8 18.Rad1 Qe7 19.a3 Be6 20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.Qxf5 c6 *(RR 21...g6 22.Qf3 Kg7)* 22.Rd3 Dominguez Perez,L (2741)-Oparin,G (2662) Saint Louis USA 2024 [Kitty Kat] ½-½ (65)]

8.Nbd2 0-0 The position is equal.

9.Bb3N A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.

[9.Nf1 Ne7 *(9...Be6 10.Bb5 Ne7 11.Ng3 Ng6 12.h3 c6 13.Ba4 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.d4 exd4 16.Nxd4 Qc7* Ferri,S (2743)-Molina,R (2862) Kyiv 25/546 2021 CBM 051 Extra [John Watson]*)* 10.Bb3 Ng6 11.h3 Be6 12.Be3 Re8 13.Bxa7 Rxa7 14.Bxe6 Rxe6 15.g3 a4 16.Ne3 b5 17.Qc2 c5 18.c4 b4 19.a3 b3 20.Qe2 Re8 21.h4 Nf8 22.Nd5 Ne6 23.Qd2 ½-½ (23) 8.♗h4 g6 9.f4 e5 (2627)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2738) Sautron 2023 CT-2292 [John Watson]]

[RR 9.h3 Be6 10.Bb5 Ne7 11.Ba4 Ng6 12.d4 Nh5 *(RR 12...h6 13.Bc2 Re8 14.Nf1 exd4 15.cxd4 c5 16.d5 Bd7 17.a4 Qc8 18.Ng3 c4)* 13.Nf1 Nhf4 14.Bc2 Qd7 15.Ne3 exd4 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.cxd4 d5 18.exd5 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Qd3 a4 21.Bd2 Rfd8 22.a3 c5 23.Be3 Qc8 Odeeva,K (2188)-Glatthaar,M (2448) ICCF 2018 ½-½]

9...Be6 10.h3 Bxb3 11.Qxb3 Qd7 12.a4N

[Vorgänger: 12.Nf1 h6 13.a4 Rfe8 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.Nxe3 Ne7 16.Rad1 Ng6 17.Nh2 b6 18.Nhg4 Nxg4 19.hxg4 1-0 Korneev,O (2521)-Jahncke,G (2326) Heraklion Fischer Memorial 8th 2022 (6)]

12...Rfe8 13.Nc4 d5 14.exd5 Qxd5 15.Be3! Bxe3 16.Rxe3 b6 17.Rae1 Nd7 18.d4 Against Nd7-c5 **18...f6** 0.93/21

[18...Rf8± 0.43/20]

19.Qb5± Qxb5 20.axb5 Na7 21.Na3 c6 22.c4 0.49/24

[22.dxe5± 1.01/23 Strongly threatening b5xc6. Nxe5 23.Nxe5 Rxe5 24.Rxe5 fxe5 25.Rxe5]

22...cxb5± 23.cxb5 e4 24.Rxe4 Rxe4 25.Rxe4 Kf8 26.Nd2 Rc8 1.24/20

[⌓26...f5 0.89/23 27.Re1 Re8]

27.Ndc4± f5 28.Re1 g6 1.58/22

[Black should try 28...Rd8 1.24/21 29.Nd6 g6]

29.Nd6 Rd8 30.Re6 Against Nd7-f6 **30...Nc8 31.Nac4** 0x0.0025e7a66b5bdp-1022s more active pieces. **31...Nxd6 32.Nxd6+-** Endgame KRN-KRN **32...Kg7** 2.00/24

[⌓32...Rb8 1.63/20 33.g4 fxg4]

33.Nb7 Rf8 34.Rd6 Nf6 35.Nd8!

[Worse is 35.Rxb6 Rb8 36.Kf1

Nd7∓]

35...Ne4 2.30/21

[35...Re8? 36.Ne6+ Kf7 37.Ng5+ Kg7 38.Rxb6]

[35...Kh6 1.80/22 was called for. 36.f3 *(36.Rxb6 Rxd8 37.Rxf6 Rxd4=)* 36...Ne8 37.Rxb6 Nc7]

36.Ne6+ Kf7 37.Rxb6

[Stronger than 37.Nxf8 Nxd6 38.Nxh7 Nc4=]

37...Rc8 38.f3 Rc1+ 39.Kh2 Nd2 40.Kg3 Rc2 41.d5 Ne6-g5+ is the strong threat. **41...Nf1+?** 4.26/20

[41...h6 2.15/19 42.Nd8+ Ke8]

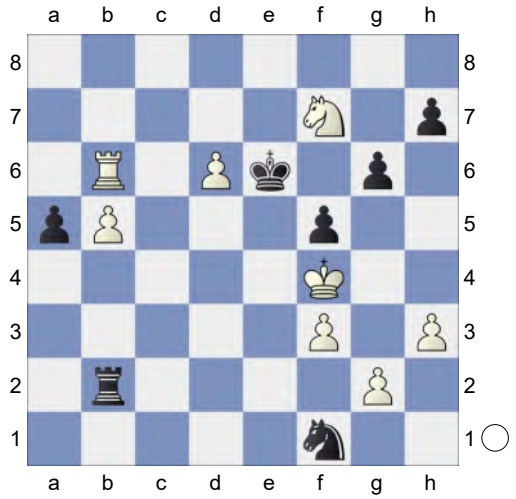
42.Kf4 Rxb2 6.47/24

[⌓42...h6 4.37/19 43.Nd4 Rc1]

43.Ng5+ Ke7 44.d6+ Kd7 45.Nf7? 1.19/20

[45.Nxh7+- 9.11/22 is more deadly. Threatening mate with Nh7-f8+. Ke6 46.Nf8+ Kf7 47.d7!]

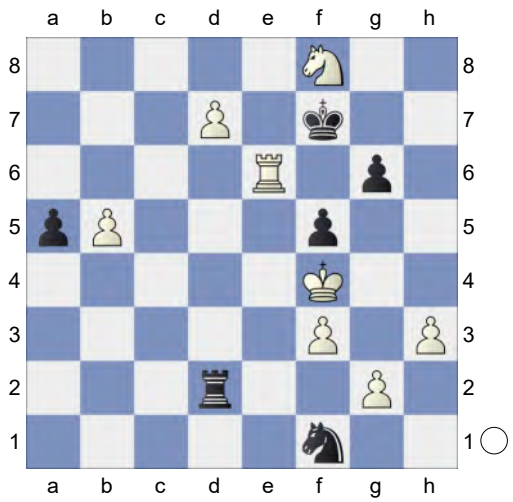
45...Ke6±



46.Ng5+ 0.01/18

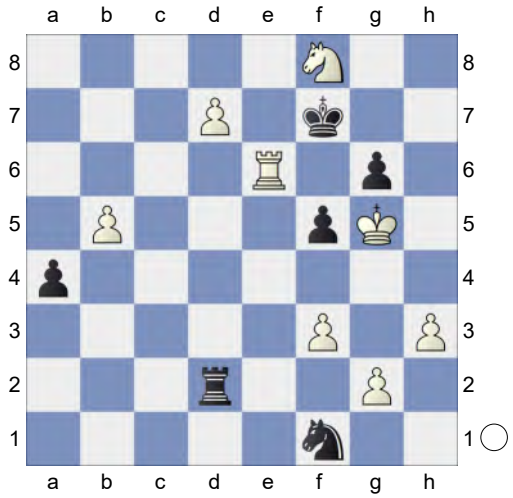
[46.Nd8+!± 1.24/21 Kf6 47.d7+ Ke7 48.Nc6+ Kxd7 49.Nxa5]

46...Kd7= This costs Black the game. **47.Nxh7** White threatens Nh7-f8+ and mate. **47...Rd2 48.Nf8+ Ke8 49.Rb8+ Kf7 50.d7 Kf6 51.Rb6+ Ke7 52.Re6+ Kf7**



53.Kg5! a4

[53...Rxd7 54.Rf6+]



54.b6! 12.34/16 **Rxg2+**

[54...Rxd7 55.Nxd7]

55.Kh6 Rh2 56.d8Q Re6-f6+ would kill now. **56...Rxh3+ 57.Kg5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) / Black=0.21 (precise)

1-0

336 **C54**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2702**
■ **Radjabov,Teimour** **2747**
Global Chess League rapid (1.3) 22.6.23
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Bg5** 7.a4 is becoming the main line. 7.a4 wird zur Hauptvariante. **7...h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 a5 10.Re1 Ba7 11.Nbd2 Nh7!?** Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **12.d4 g4N**

[12...h5 13.h3 h4 1-0 Demchenko,A (2654)-Navara,D (2697) Titled Tuesday intern op 08th Feb Early blitz 2022 (11) *(13...Qf6 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Bb5 g4 16.hxg4 hxg4 17.Nh2 Qg5 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Nc4 Rd8 20.Qa4 Nf6 21.Qxc6 Be6 22.Ne3 Nh5 23.Nhf1 Bb6 24.Rad1 Nxg3 25.Nxg3 Bxe3 26.fxe3 Rxd1 27.Qxa8+* 6.Na3 cd4 7. cd4 Bd7 (2701)-Sudgen,J (2766) Anand-Topalov 2006 (3.2) ½-½ *)* 14.Bh2 g4 15.hxg4 Bxg4 16.Be2 Qf6 17.Nc4 exd4 18.e5 dxe5 19.Ncxe5 Bxf3 20.Bxf3 dxc3]

13.Nh4 exd4!?N New and interesting. Theoretisch interessant. **14.Rb1 Ne5** 0.19/19

[14...Qg5∓ -0.40/18]

15.Bb3 -0.53/18

[15.cxd4= 0.19/19 Bxd4 16.Bf1]

15...dxc3 -0.07/19

[15...d3∓ -0.53/18]

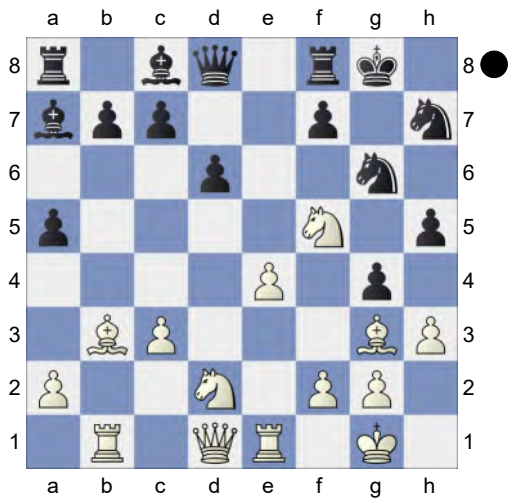
16.bxc3= h5 17.Nf5 -0.63/20

[17.a4= 0.01/19]

17...Ng6 0.18/21

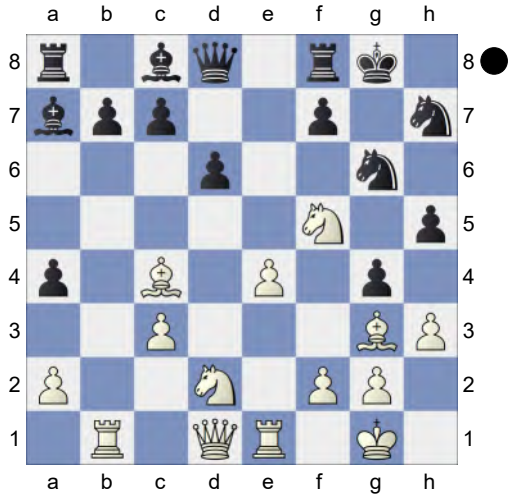
[17...Bxf5∓ -0.63/20 18.exf5 Nd3]

18.h3



a4! 19.Bc4

[19.Bxa4? h4 20.Bxh4 *(20.Bh2? g3-+)* 20...Nxh4-+]



19...d5! 0.39/19 **20.Bxd5±** **Bxf5** 0.60/21

[Black should try 20...c6!= -0.01/21 21.Bxf7+ *(21.Bc4 b5∓)* 21...Kxf7 *(21...Rxf7 22.Nh6+ Kg7 23.Nxf7=)* 22.hxg4 hxg4 23.Nd6+ Kg8]

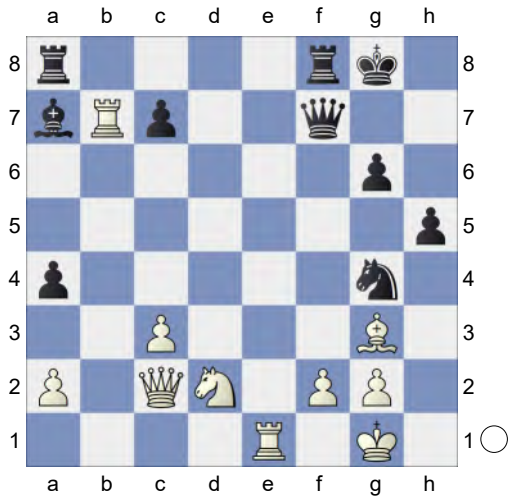
21.exf5

[21.Bxb7? Be6 22.h4 Rb8-+]

21...Qxd5 22.fxg6 fxg6 23.hxg4 Nf6 24.Qc2

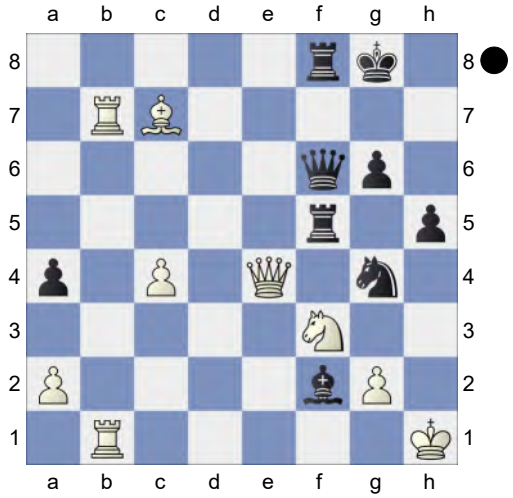
[24.Bxc7? Bxf2+ *(24...Qxa2 25.gxh5 Qd5 26.Nf3±; 24...Nxg4 25.Ne4∓)* 25.Kh1 *(25.Kxf2? Qc5+ 26.Ke2 Nd5-+)* 25...Bxe1

(25...Qxa2? 26.Re2-+; 25...hxg4? 26.Qe2-+; 25...Nxg4? 26.Nf3-+)
26.Qxe1 Rae8-+ *(26...Qxa2? 27.gxh5 Rae8 28.Qd1-+; 26...Nxg4? 27.Nf3-+; 26...hxg4? 27.Bb6-+)*]
24...Qf7 25.Rxb7 Nxg4



26.Nf3 0.01/22
[26.Qxa4? Bxf2+ 27.Kh1 Rxa4-+]
[26.Ne4!± 1.08/22]
26...Bb6= 27.c4 c4-c5 is the strong threat.
[27.Kf1 seems wilder. Ra5 28.Re2 Rf5 29.Qxa4 Rxf3 30.gxf3 Qxf3 31.Qe4]
27...Ra5
[27...Qf5 simplifies 28.Qxf5 gxf5 29.Kf1 Rfb8]
28.Rb1 Black must now prevent Rb1xb6.
28...Qf6 29.Bxc7 -0.63/23
[29.Qe2= -0.01/20]
29...Bxf2+∓ 30.Kh1 Rf5 31.Qe4

(Diagram)



Rxf3 -0.28/26
[Black should play 31...Bd4!∓ -1.16/23 (→ ... Qf6-h4+!) 32.Bg3 *(32.Qxd4 Qxd4 33.Bh2 Qd3-+)* 32...h4]
32.Qd5+=
[32.Qxf3 Qh4+ 33.Qh3 Be1-+]
32...Rf7 Predecessor: **33.Bd8!↑** White has good play. **33...Qf4** The position is equal. **34.Bc7! Qf6 35.Bd8! Qf4? 36.Bc7!-+ Qf6 37.Bd8! Rf5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise) . Loss on time!?
0-1

337 **C54**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2702**
■ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2739**
Global Chess League rapid (2.3) 23.6.23
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 a5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Ba7** 8...Bd7 is setting a new trend. 8...Ld7 setzt einen neuen Trend. **9.Nbd2**
[9.a4 g5 10.Bg3 Ne7 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Ng6 13.d4 Nh5 14.dxe5

Nxg3 15.hxg3 dxe5 16.Rad1 g4 17.Nh2 Qg5 18.Rfe1 Kg7 19.Re2 h5 20.Ndf1 h4 21.Rd3 hxg3 22.Rxg3 Nf4 23.Nxg4 Bxg4 0-1 Boskovic,M (2688)-Kennaugh,C (2720) 45: Lloyds Bank 1994 (6.1)]

9...g5 10.Bg3 0-0 11.Re1N

[11.Bb3 Nh7 12.Kh1 Qf6 13.Nc4 Qg7 14.Ne3 Nf6 15.a4 *(15.Bc2 Kh8 16.Rc1 Nh5 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.exf5 Rad8 19.Nd2 Nxg3+ 20.fxg3 f6 21.g4 d5 22.Qf3 Qf7 23.Ba4 Ne7 24.Bd1 c6 25.Qh3 Ng8 26.Bc2 Qc7 27.a4 Rd7 28.Nb3 Re7 29.Rce1 b5* 0-1 Keuter,K-Glatthaar,M corr 150/107 2020*)* 15...Kh8 16.Qe2 Bd7 17.Rae1 Rae8 18.Qd1 Bc8 19.Nd2 h5 20.h4 Ng4 21.hxg5 Qxg5 22.Nf3 Nxe3 23.Nxg5 Nxd1 24.Bxd1 Kg7 25.Nh3 Rh8 Mcdermott,F-Schakel,C corr 150/(107) 2020 26.f4 h4 27.Bf2 Bxf2 28.Rxf2 f5 29.exf5 Bxf5 30.fxe5 Rhf8 31.d4 dxe5 32.d5 Nb8 33.Kg1 Nd7 Schulze,U-Karlsson,S (ol) 34/51 Luzern 1982]

11...Kh8N

[Predecessor: 11...Nh7 12.d4 h5 13.h3! Qf6 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Bb5 Bxc6 would now be deadly. g4 *(15...h4!? 16.Bh2□ g4 17.hxg4 Bxg4∓)* 16.hxg4 hxg4 17.Nh2 Qg5 18.Bxc6 bxc6 ½-½ Erigaisi,A (2701)-So,W (2766) Airthings Masters Div 1 L rapid 2023 (3.2)]

12.Nf1 Nh7 13.d4 g4 14.Nh4 exd4 15.cxd4 Bxd4 16.Ne3 Bxb2

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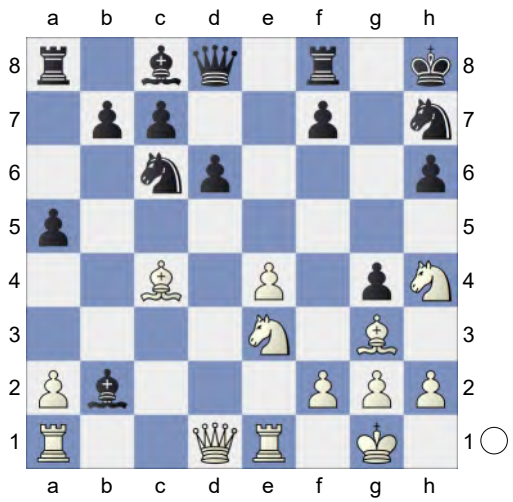


17.Rb1 Bf6 18.Nhf5 h5 19.h3 0.08/21 White has more active pieces.

[19.h4± 0.65/18]

19...h4!= 20.Bh2⇄ White has counterplay **20...gxh3 21.gxh3**

[21.Qh5 Bc3 22.Rec1 Bd2-+]

21...Be6

[21...Bc3!? 22.Rf1□ Qe8=]

22.Rxb7 -0.47/23

[Better is 22.Kh1= 0.26/20]

22...Rb8 23.Rxb8 Qxb8 24.Nd5 -1.04/22

[24.Bd5∓ -0.54/20 Nb4 25.Kh1]

24...Qb2∓ 25.Rf1? -2.93/23

[25.Kh1∓ -0.71/21]

25...Be5-+ 26.Bxe5+? -4.01/23

[26.Qe2 -2.47/20 Qxe2 27.Bxe2]

26...Qxe5 27.Qd3? -6.51/23

[27.Qf3 -2.95/22]

27...Rg8+

[27...Nb4? 28.Qd4-+]

28.Kh1 Bxf5 29.exf5 Nf6 30.Nxf6 -3.41/26

[⌓30.Qf3 -1.98/22]

30...Qxf6 31.Qe4 Ne5 32.Bb3 -3.77/23

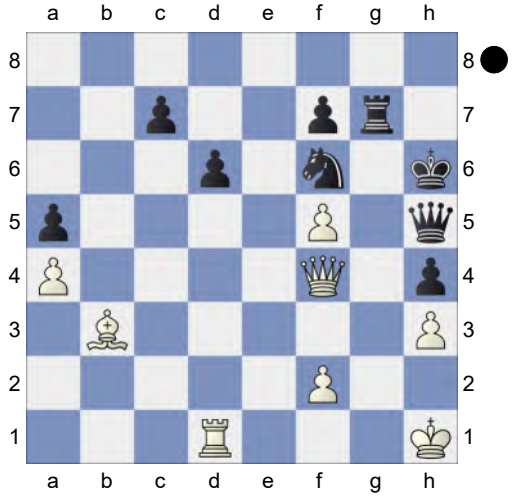
[32.Bd5 -2.64/22 was called for.]

32...Qg5 33.Bc2? -7.33/25

[33.Bd5 -3.46/21 c6 34.Bxc6]

33...Nd7 34.Bb3 Nf6 35.Qf3 Rg7 36.Re1 Kh7 37.a4 -6.96/23

[⊿37.Bc4 -4.16/22 Kh6 38.Bb5]
37...Kh6 38.Rd1 Kh7? 0.01/23
[38...Nh5-+ -4.87/25 39.Re1 Nf4]
39.Re1!= Kh6? 0.01/22
[39...c6-+ -6.31/23 40.Bc4 d5]
40.Rd1! Qh5 -2.44/25
[⊿40...Nh5 -4.90/23 41.Bc4 Nf4]
41.Qf4+-+

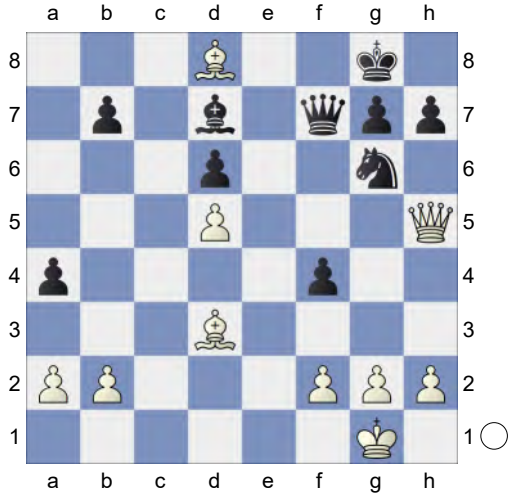


Kh7! 42.Re1 d5 -1.46/23
[42...c5-+ -3.15/24 is more deadly. aiming for ...d5. 43.Bc2 Rg8]
43.Rc1∓ Qg5 -0.24/26
[43...Rg5-+ -1.61/24 44.Rxc7 Ne4]
44.Qxg5!= Rxg5 45.Rxc7 Rxf5 46.Rxf7+ Endgame KRB-KRN **46...Kg6 47.Ra7 Rxf2 48.Rxa5 Rb2** The position is equal. **49.Bxd5 Nxd5 50.Rxd5** KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **50...Rb3 51.Kg2 Rb2+ 52.Kg1 Rb3 53.Kg2 Rb2+ 54.Kf3** And White is the lucky defender. Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/Black=0.70 **54...Rb3+**
½-½

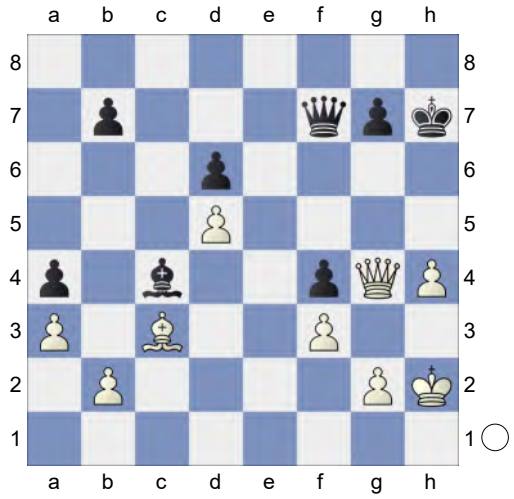
338 **C54**
□ **Sevian,Samuel** **2701**
■ **Tin,Jingyao** **2583**
FIDE World Cup 2025 (2.3) 06.11.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4**
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nbd2N
[7.Nc3 d6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.0-0 Nxg3 12.fxg3 Bg4 13.Qb3 Qe7 14.a3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Na5 16.Bxf7+ Qxf7 17.Qxf7+ Kxf7 18.Ne5+ Ke6 19.Nxg4 Nc4 20.Rf6+ Ke7 21.Rxh6 Rxh6 1-0 4.♕a4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 e6-12. ♕d2 e5 13. ♗h6 Wch7 U.S.A. 1907 (8)]
7...Nxe4 8.d5 Ne7 9.0-0 The position is equal. **9...Bxd2 10.Nxd2 Nd6 11.Bd3 0-0! 12.Qh5 f5 13.Nc4 Nxc4 14.Bxc4 d6 15.Re1 Ng6 16.Bg5** Prevents Qf6. **16...Qd7 17.Rac1 Qf7 18.Bb3** -0.79/22
[18.Bd2= 0.01/22 remains equal.]
18...a5 19.Rc3 a4 0.15/25
[19...f4∓ -1.06/23 ...a4 would now be deadly. 20.Rec1 Bf5]
20.Bc2=
[20.Rh3!? h6□ 21.Bc2∓]
20...Re8 0.58/23
[20...f4!= 0.01/22]
21.Rc1 -0.29/21
[21.Rxe8+± 0.58/23 Qxe8 22.Bd2]

21...f4 0.21/24
[21...Qxd5 22.Rxc7 *(22.Rh3 Qa5=)* 22...Be6 23.Be3∓]
[21...Ra5 -0.29/21]
22.Bd3 Bf5 23.Rxc7 Rac8 24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.Rxc8+ Bxc8 26.Bd8 Bd7 1.30/22
[Better is 26...f3!⩲ 0.48/23]

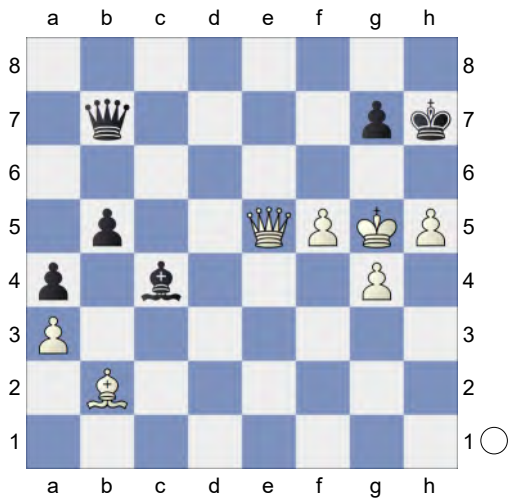


27.Ba5!± White is more active. **27...Qe8 28.h3** 0.45/26
[28.Bc3± 1.42/25]
28...Bb5 1.73/27
[28...Qe5⩲ 0.45/26 29.Bxg6 hxg6 30.Qxe5 *(30.Qxg6 Be8⩲)* 30...dxe5]
29.Bf5+- A strong pair of Bishops.
29...Bd7 30.Bc2 0.84/24
[30.Bc3+- 1.91/25]
30...Bb5 1.73/23
[30...Qe5± 0.84/24 31.Bxg6 hxg6 32.Qxg6 Be8 33.Qe6+ Qxe6 34.dxe6 Kf8]
31.Bc3↑ Black is under strong pressure.
31...Bd7 2.20/24
[31...a3± 0.94/24]
32.h4? 0.47/23
[White should play 32.a3+- 2.20/24]
32...Qe7? 2.94/23
[32...a3!⩲ 0.47/23]
33.Bxg6 hxg6 34.Qxg6 Endgame KQB-KQB. White is a pawn up. **34...Be8 35.Qg4 Qf7 36.f3 Kh7 37.Kh2 Bb5 38.a3 Bc4**



39.Bd2! Qxd5 40.Bxf4 Qd4 41.Qg3 1.14/24
[41.Kg3+- 2.19/27]
41...Qxb2± 42.Bxd6 Qf6 43.Be5 Qf7 2.24/25
[43...Qe7± 1.04/22 44.Bd6 Qf6]
44.Qg5+- aiming for h5. **44...b5?** 4.84/25
[44...Qg6 1.96/23 was called for. 45.Qd2 Bb5]
45.h5 Bd3 7.39/24
[⌓45...Bb3 4.63/21 46.Kg1 Bc4]
46.Kg3 Bc4 47.Kh4 Bd3 48.Bd4 Qc7 49.f4 Qd7 50.Be5 Qa7 51.Kg3 5.02/22
[⌓51.h6 11.31/24]
51...Qd7 52.Bc3 Bf5 53.Kh4 Bd3 54.g4 Qc7 55.Qe5? 1.45/24
[55.Bd4+- 10.00/24 has better winning chances. Qb7 56.Qe5]
55...Qb7? 9.98/24
[55...Qxe5± 1.45/24 56.Bxe5 *(56.fxe5 g6±)* 56...Be4]
56.Bb2 Qh1+ 57.Kg5 Qb7 58.f5 Bc4

(Diagram)



59.h6! gxh6+
[59...Qd7 60.Qxg7+]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/Black=0.84 **60.Kf4**
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339 **C53**
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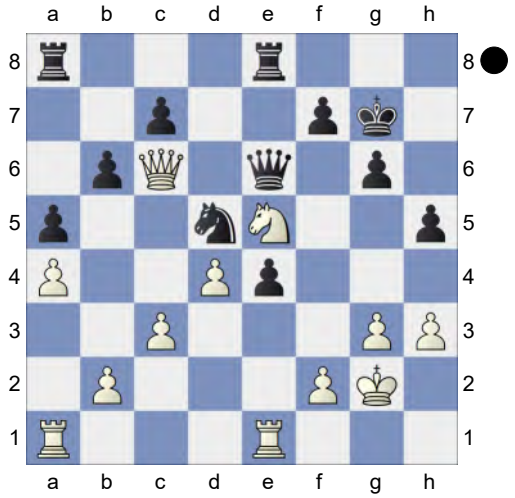
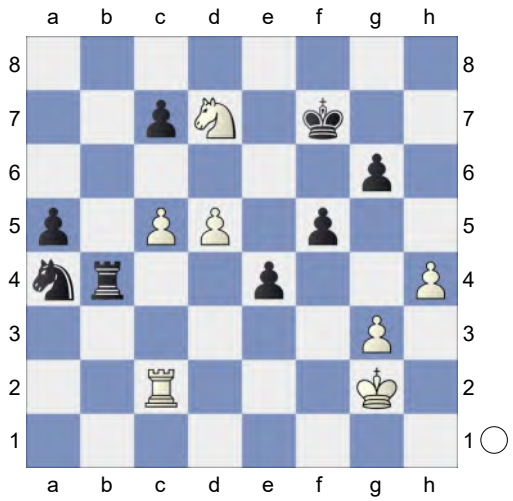
C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 Sam Collins: 'Normally people caveat coverage of blitz games, but at the level of these two guys (unless one side blunders), the standard of chess is at least as high as a normal GM encounter in the 4NCL or the Bundesliga! This is a gorgeous attacking performance by Vishy. ''Normally people caveat coverage of blitz games, but at the level of these two guys (unless one side blunders), the standard of chess is at least as high as a normal GM encounter in the 4NCL or the Bundesliga! This is a gorgeous attacking performance by Vishy. Ramirez Alvarez,Alejandro: 'Sam Collins: 'Normally people caveat coverage of blitz games, but at the level of these two guys (unless one side blunders), the standard of chess is at least as high as a normal GM encounter in the 4NCL or the Bundesliga! This is a gorgeous attacking performance by Vishy.''' Mikhalevski,Victor: '0-der alternative ways of development or just a different move order. 0-' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.0-0 a5 7.a4 h6 8.Nbd2 0-0** The position is equal. **9.h3 Be6 10.Re1 Bxc4 11.Nxc4 Re8 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Nxe3 Ne7N**
[13...Qd7 14.Qb3 Ne7 15.Nc4 Ng6 16.Rad1 b6 17.Qc2 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.b3 Rad8 20.d4 exd4 21.Rxd4 Rxe1+ 22.Nxe1 Qa8 23.Rxd8+ Qxd8 24.Qd3 Qe7 25.Nc2 Nf4 26.Qd2 N6d5 27.Kf1 Nxc3 28.N4e3 0-1 Buchicchio,G (2782)-Sudgen,J (2788) Malmoe 45/566 1987 (9) Ne4 29.Qd4 c5 30.Qd1 Qf6 31.Ng4 Qc3 32.Nce3 h5 33.Nh2 Qb2 34.Qc2 Qxc2 35.Nxc2 Nd2+ 36.Ke1 Nxb3 1-0 Anand,V (2784)-Nakamura,H (2787) Zuerich Opening Blitz 5th_19495 2016 (5)]
14.g3 Qd7 15.Kg2 b6 16.Nh4 g6 17.Qf3 Kg7 18.Qe2 d5 19.Nf3 dxe4
[19...Qe6 20.Qc2 dxe4 21.dxe4 Qc6]
20.Nxe5 -0.14/24
[20.dxe4 0.23/22 Qe6 21.Rad1]
20...Qe6=
[20...exd3 simplifies 21.Nxd7 dxe2 22.Nxf6 Kxf6 23.Rxe2 h5]
21.d4 h5 22.Qc4 Nfd5 23.Nxd5 Nxd5 24.Qc6!
[24.Rxe4? f6 25.Kh2 c6-+ *(25...fxe5 26.Rxe5 Qf6 27.Qxd5±)*]

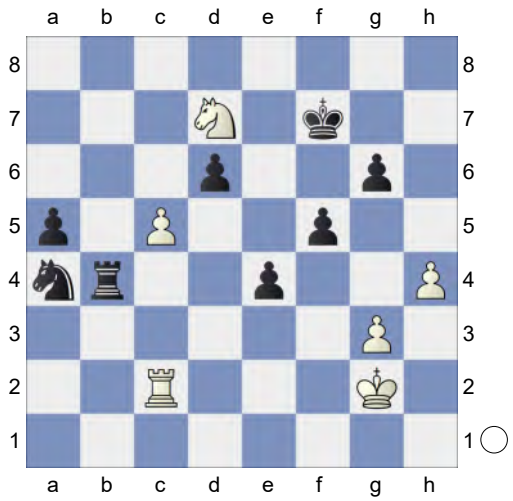


24...h4 -0.14/25 **25.Qxe6** -1.05/24
[25.Rxe4? Qxc6 26.Nxc6 Rxe4-+]
[25.c4= -0.14/25 Qxc6 26.Nxc6]
25...Rxe6∓ 26.Rad1 hxg3 27.fxg3 f6 28.Ng4 f5 29.Ne5 Rb8 30.h4 b5 0.52/24
[30...c6∓ -0.90/20]
31.axb5 -0.59/23
[31.Nd7!± 0.52/24 Rd8 32.Nc5]
31...Rxb5∓ 32.Rd2 and c4 should not be overlooked **32...Nb6** 0.01/23
[32...Rb7∓ -0.70/22]
33.c4 -1.17/22
[33.Rf2= 0.01/23]
33...Rb3∓ 34.Rc1 -1.33/22
[34.g4∓ -0.37/20]
34...Na4 -0.68/21
[34...Rb4∓ -1.33/22 35.Rcc2 a4]
35.Rcc2? -6.69/23
[35.Ra1∓ -0.68/21 Nxb2 36.Rxa5]
35...Reb6? -0.97/21
[35...c5-+ -6.69/23 has better winning chances. 36.dxc5 Rxe5]
36.Nd7? -3.19/26
[36.c5∓ -0.97/21 was the only chance. R6b5 37.Nc4]
36...R6b4-+ 37.d5 Rxb2
[37...Nxb2 38.Nc5 Nd3 *(38...Nxc4 39.Rxc4=)* 39.Nxb3 Ne1+ *(39...Rxb3 40.Ra2=)* 40.Kf2 Nxc2 41.Rxc2∓]

38.c5 Rxc2? 0.07/25
[Black should play 38...e3-+ -2.76/26 39.Re2 Rxc2 40.Rxc2 Rd4]
39.Rxc2= Kf7 1.25/24
[39...Rd4!= 0.15/23 keeps the balance. 40.d6 c6 *(40...cxd6 41.c6±)*]



40.d6!± cxd6 7.54/21
[40...c6± 1.09/23]



41.c6!+- Ke7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/Black=0.60 **42.c7**
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